

AVOCENT CORP  
Form SC 14D9/A  
October 16, 2009

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 14D-9/A**  
**Solicitation/Recommendation Statement under Section 14(d)(4) of the**  
**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**  
**(Amendment No. 1)**  
**Avocent Corporation**  
*(Name of Subject Company)*  
**Avocent Corporation**  
*(Name of Person(s) Filing Statement)*  
**Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share**  
*(Title of Class of Securities)*

**053893103**  
*(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)*

**Samuel F. Saracino**  
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*authorized to receive notices and communications on*  
*behalf of the person(s) filing statement)*

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Check the box if the filing relates solely to preliminary communications made before the commencement of a tender offer.

This Amendment No. 1 amends and supplements the Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 initially filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the **SEC**) on October 15, 2009 (as previously filed with the SEC, the **Schedule 14D-9**) by Avocent Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the **Company**), relating to the offer (the **Offer**) by Globe Acquisition Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the **Purchaser**) and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Emerson Electric Co., a Missouri corporation (the **Parent**), as set forth in a Tender Offer Statement filed by Parent and Purchaser on Schedule TO, dated October 15, 2009 (as previously filed with the SEC, the **Schedule TO**), to purchase all outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share of the Company, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase, dated October 15, 2009 and in the related Letter of Transmittal, copies of which are filed with the Schedule TO as Exhibits (a)(1) and (a)(2), respectively. Any capitalized term used and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Schedule 14D-9.

All information in the Schedule 14D-9 is incorporated into this Amendment No. 1 by reference, except that such information is hereby amended to the extent specifically provided herein.

This Amendment No. 1 is being filed to reflect certain updates as reflected below.

**Item 9. Materials to be Filed as Exhibits.**

Item 9 of the Schedule 14D-9 is hereby supplemented by adding the following exhibits:

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| (e)(29)               | Electronic mail message containing frequently asked questions concerning the treatment of Company performance shares sent by the Company to its employees holding Company performance shares.         |

**SIGNATURES**

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this Amendment is true, complete and correct.

AVOCENT CORPORATION

By: /s/ Samuel F. Saracino  
Samuel F. Saracino  
Executive Vice President of Legal and  
Corporate Affairs, General Counsel, and  
Secretary

Dated: October 16, 2009

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