

DELAWARE INVESTMENTS DIVIDEND & INCOME FUND INC  
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SCHEDULE TO  
ISSUER TENDER OFFER STATEMENT  
(PURSUANT TO SECTION 13(e)(1) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934)

DELAWARE INVESTMENTS DIVIDEND AND INCOME FUND, INC.  
(Name of Issuer)

DELAWARE INVESTMENTS DIVIDEND AND INCOME FUND, INC.  
(Name of Person Filing Statement)

SHARES OF COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$0.01 PER SHARE  
(Title of Class of Securities)

245915103

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive  
Notices and Communications on Behalf of Person(s) Filing Statement)

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DELAWARE INVESTMENTS DIVIDEND AND INCOME FUND, INC.  
ANNOUNCES SELF-TENDER FOR 10 PERCENT OF ITS SHARES

PHILADELPHIA, May 20, 2005 Delaware Investments Dividend and Income Fund, Inc. (NYSE: DDF) (the "Fund") announced today that its Board of Directors has authorized an issuer tender offer to purchase for cash up to 1,287,630 shares of its common stock, each of which has a par value \$0.01 per share, representing 10 percent of its issued and outstanding shares of common stock. The tender offer will commence on Friday, June 3, 2005, and will expire, unless extended, at 11:59 p.m., New York City time, on Thursday, June 30, 2005. Subject to various terms and conditions described in offering materials to be distributed to shareholders, purchases will be made at a price per share equal to the Fund's net asset value per share on the first business day after the expiration of the offer.

Subject to various terms and conditions described in offering materials to be distributed to shareholders, if more shares are tendered than the amount the Board has authorized to purchase, the Fund will purchase a number of shares equal to the offer amount on a pro-rated basis.

The shares of common stock of the Fund have recently traded at a discount to their net asset value per share. During the pendency of the tender offer, the current net asset value per share will be available by telephone at 1-866-340-1397.

The Fund is a diversified closed-end fund. The primary investment objective is to seek high current income; capital appreciation is a secondary objective. The Fund seeks to achieve its objectives by investing, under normal circumstances, at least 65 percent of its total assets in income-generating equity securities, including dividend-paying common stocks, convertible securities, preferred stocks and other equity-related securities. Up to 35 percent of the Fund's total assets may be invested in non-convertible debt

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securities consisting primarily of high-yield, high-risk corporate bonds. In addition, the Fund utilizes leveraging techniques in an attempt to obtain a higher return for the Fund. There is no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objectives.

In 1995, the Fund implemented a managed distribution policy. Under the policy, the Fund is managed with a goal of generating as much of the dividend as possible from ordinary income (net investment income and short-term capital gains). The balance of the dividend then comes from long-term capital gains and, if necessary, a return of capital.

SHAREHOLDERS ARE ADVISED TO READ THE OFFER TO PURCHASE WHEN IT IS AVAILABLE AS IT CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION. THE OFFER TO PURCHASE AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED BY THE FUND WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, INCLUDING THE FUND'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2004, WILL BE AVAILABLE WITHOUT COST AT THE COMMISSION'S WEB SITE ([www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)) OR BY CALLING THE FUND AT 1-800-523-1918.

### About Delaware Investments

Delaware Investments, based in Philadelphia, is a diversified asset management organization with more than \$100 billion in assets under management as of March 31, 2005. Delaware Investments provides investment products and services through a broad range of mutual funds, managed accounts, retirement plan services, subadvised funds, and college savings plans. These products and services are provided to individual and institutional investors such as private and public pension funds, foundations, and endowment funds. For more information about the company, visit [www.delawareinvestments.com](http://www.delawareinvestments.com).

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