

WASHINGTON FEDERAL INC  
Form 8-K  
January 21, 2009

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) January 19, 2009

**Washington Federal, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Washington**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-25454**  
(Commission

**91-1661606**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

File Number)

**425 Pike Street, Seattle, Washington**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**98101**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (206) 624-7930

**Not Applicable**

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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- “ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On January 19, 2009, Washington Federal, Inc. (the Company ) announced by press release its earnings for the quarter ended December 31, 2008. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. A copy of the December 31, 2008 Fact Sheet which presents certain detailed financial information about the Company is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2.

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure**

A copy of the December 31, 2008 Fact Sheet which presents certain detailed financial information about the Company is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(a) Not applicable.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) Exhibits:

99.1 Press release dated January 19, 2009.

99.2 Fact Sheet as of December 31, 2008.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

WASHINGTON FEDERAL, INC.

Dated: January 19, 2008

By: /s/ Brent J. Beardall  
Brent J. Beardall

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer