

COMMERCIAL FEDERAL CORP  
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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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October 7, 2005

**Important Reminder to Commercial Federal Corporation  
Retirement Savings Plan ( Savings Plan ) Participants.**

Dear Savings Plan Participant:

We recently sent you proxy materials for the special meeting of stockholders of Commercial Federal Corporation which will be held on November 1, 2005.

The special meeting has been called to approve and adopt Commercial Federal's merger agreement with Bank of the West. If the merger is completed, each of your shares of Commercial Federal common stock will be converted into the right to receive \$34.00 in cash, and Commercial Federal will also declare and pay a special dividend of \$0.50 per share to stockholders of record immediately prior to completion of the merger. **Your Board of Directors unanimously recommends that you vote FOR the approval and adoption of the merger agreement.**

As a Savings Plan participant, you have the right to direct the Savings Plan Trustee to vote shares of Commercial Federal common stock allocated to your account in accordance with your instructions. A duplicate voting instruction form is enclosed. **Please be sure to mark the appropriate boxes, sign, date and promptly mail your voting instruction card in the postage-paid envelope provided.**

**Please be aware that if no direction is given to the Trustee by Friday, October 28, 2005, the Trustee will not vote your shares held in the Savings Plan which will, in effect, be a vote against the merger.**

**YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT**

Please promptly submit your vote by signing, dating and returning the enclosed proxy in the postage paid return envelope provided. If you have previously returned your proxy, please accept our thanks and disregard this request.

Thank you for your continued interest and support.

Sincerely,

William A. Fitzgerald

*Chairman of the Board and*

*Chief Executive Officer*

**SPECIAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

**AN IMPORTANT REMINDER**

**PLEASE VOTE YOUR PROXY TODAY!**

October 7, 2005

Dear Stockholder:

We recently sent you proxy materials for the special meeting of stockholders of Commercial Federal Corporation which will be held on November 1, 2005.

The special meeting has been called for stockholders to approve and adopt the merger agreement with Bank of the West. If the merger is completed, each of your shares of Commercial Federal common stock will be converted into the right to receive \$34.00 in cash. Commercial Federal will also declare and pay a special dividend of \$0.50 per share to stockholders of record immediately prior to the completion of the merger.

We cannot complete the merger unless the holders of two-thirds of the issued and outstanding shares of our common stock entitled to vote at the special meeting approve and adopt the merger agreement. According to our latest records, we have not yet received your proxy for this important meeting. Abstaining from voting your shares will have the same effect as a vote against the merger. **Your Board of Directors unanimously recommends that you vote FOR the approval and adoption of the merger agreement.**

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Regardless of whether you plan to attend the meeting, please submit your vote promptly by signing, dating and mailing the enclosed proxy. If you have any questions, or need assistance, please call D.F. King & Co., Inc., which is assisting your Company, toll-free, at 1-800-967-7635.