

WASHINGTON FEDERAL INC  
Form 8-K  
October 20, 2008

**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) October 17, 2008

**Washington Federal, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Washington**  
(State or other jurisdiction

**0-25454**  
(Commission File Number)

**91-1661606**  
(IRS Employer

of incorporation)

Identification No.)

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

On October 17, 2008, Washington Federal, Inc. (the Company ) announced by press release its earnings for the year ended September 30, 2008. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. A copy of the September 30, 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 September 30, 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 October 17, 2008.

99.2 Fact Sheet as of September 30, 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: October 20, 2008

By: /s/ Brent J. Beardall  
Brent J. Beardall  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer