

WASHINGTON FEDERAL INC  
Form 8-K  
October 28, 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 28, 2008

**Washington Federal, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

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

**91-1661606**  
(IRS Employer 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 or former address, 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 8.01. Other Events.**

Washington Federal, Inc. announced that it has received a commitment from the U.S. Treasury to purchase \$200 million of Preferred Stock and \$30 million of warrants subject to the completion of the formal agreements. A copy of the press release is attached.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(a) Not applicable.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) Exhibits:

99.1 October 26, 2008 press release

**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 thereunto duly authorized.

Date: October 28, 2008

WASHINGTON FEDERAL, INC.

By: /s/ BRENT J. BEARDALL  
Brent J. Beardall  
Executive Vice President

and Chief Financial Officer