

WASHINGTON FEDERAL INC  
Form 8-K  
January 17, 2012

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

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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 11, 2012

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Washington Federal, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Washington (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	001-34654 (Commission File Number)	91-1661606 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
425 Pike Street, Seattle, Washington 98101 (Address of principal executive offices)(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))
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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On January 11, 2012, Washington Federal, Inc. (the "Company") announced by press release its earnings for the quarter ended December 31, 2011. A copy of the press release is attached to this filing as Exhibit 99.1. A copy of the December 31, 2011, 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, 2011, 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 11, 2012.

99.2 Fact Sheet as of December 31, 2011.

**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: January 17, 2012

WASHINGTON FEDERAL, INC.

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