

WASHINGTON FEDERAL INC  
Form 8-K  
October 24, 2011

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): October 20, 2011

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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 October 20, 2011, Washington Federal, Inc. (the "Company") announced by press release its earnings for the quarter and fiscal year ended September 30, 2011. A copy of the press release is attached to this filing as Exhibit 99.1. A copy of the September 30, 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 September 30, 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 October 20, 2011.

99.2 Fact Sheet as of September 30, 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: October 24, 2011

WASHINGTON FEDERAL, INC.

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