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> RULE: 424(b)(3) [FleetBoston LOGO] FILE NO: 333-72912 PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 8 DATED FEBRUARY 13, 2002 (To Prospectus Supplement dated November 27, 2001 and Prospectus dated November 21, 2001) FLEETBOSTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION SENIOR MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES T (The "Senior Notes") and SUBORDINATED MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES U (The "Subordinated Notes") DUE 9 MONTHS OR MORE FROM DATE OF ISSUE FLOATING RATE NOTE SERIES T (SENIOR) [X] SERIES U (SUBORDINATED) [ ] CUSIP Number: 33900QBC7 ORIGINAL ISSUE DISCOUNT (OI Principal Amount: \$100,000,000.00 Price to Public: 100.00% Total Amount of OID: February 19, 2002Yield to Maturity:February 19, 2004Initial Accrual Period OID: Issue Date: Maturity Date: Price to Issuer (as % principal): 99.9600% Net Proceeds to Issuer: \$99,960,000.00 Specified Currency (if other than U.S. Dollars): Interest Rate Basis: [ ] CMT Rate Designated CMT Telerate Page: Designated CMT Maturity Index: [ ] Commercial Paper Rate LIBOR [X] LIBOR SCREEN Telerate (p 3750) [X] Reuters [] Index Maturity: 1 Month Other [] Spread: plus 26 basis points Spread Multiplier: Maximum Interest Rate: Minimum Interest Rate: Initial Interest Rate: 2.11000% Method of Calculation: Actual/360 [X] Actual/Actual [] Interest Determination Dates: [ ] One Business Day Prior to the Interes Two Business Days Prior to the Intere [] [X] Two London Business Days Prior to the Initial Interest Reset Date:March 19, 2002Interest Reset Dates:Monthly on each Interest Payment DateInterest Payment Dates:Monthly on the 19th day of each month commencing on March 19,ord cubication to cubication to cubication to cubication to cubication. and subject to modified following business day convention. Regular Record Dates (if other than the 15th day prior to each Interest Payment Date): Interest Reset Period: Monthly Interest Payment Period: Monthly Calculation Agent (if other than Bank of New York): Redemption: [X] The Notes cannot be redeemed prior to

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[] The Notes can be redeemed prior to ma Initial Redemption Date: Initial Redemption Percentag Annual Redemption Percentage Repayment: [X] The Notes cannot by repaid prior to m The Notes can be repaid prior to matu [] of the holder of the Note Holder's Optional Repayment Index Currency: Place of Payment: Authorized (only if non-U.S. Dollar denominated) Agent: Lehman Brothers, Inc. DTC # 636 Agent's Capacity: [X] As Principal [] As Agent Delivery:

Additional Terms: