

WASHINGTON FEDERAL INC  
Form 8-K  
December 21, 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): December 16, 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 8.01 Other Events

On December 16, 2011, Washington Federal, Inc. (the "Company") announced by press release that it had acquired certain assets and liabilities, including most of the loans and deposits, of Western National Bank, headquartered in Phoenix, Arizona, from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. A copy of the press release is attached to this filing as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable
- (c) Not applicable
- (d) Exhibits:

99.1 Press release dated December 16, 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: December 21, 2011

WASHINGTON FEDERAL, INC.

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