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# U.S. Century Bank is recognized by Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce with Top 100 Minority Business Award

MIAMI, **March 25, 2008** – U.S. Century Bank was recently honored during the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Top 100 Minority Business Awards luncheon held at Jungle Island. Each year, the Chamber hosts the awards to highlight and celebrate South Florida's minority business community and its spirit of entrepreneurship. The bank received the Outstanding Minority Business Award for its expansion plans.

"We are excited to be recognized by the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce as an Outstanding Minority Business and applaud all of today's winners," said Octavio Hernandez, U.S. Century Bank President and CEO. "At U.S. Century Bank, we have grown very rapidly both asset-wise and with our network of branches, but we are also proud of the impact we have made in our customers' lives, by helping them reach their personal and business financial goals," he added.

"Each one of the Top 100 is a builder in this amazing, diverse community. It is the personal dedication, achievement and investment of these businesses in South Florida that make this community unbelievably strong. Events like this give us an opportunity to applaud the great strides being made by minority businesses in South Florida," said Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Chairman, Hank Klein.

U.S. Century Bank is one of the 10 largest community banks headquartered in Miami, with assets of $1.3 billion. Through its network of 18 branch locations and its online banking platform, it offers South Florida's business community a wide range of financial products and services. The bank was recently rated by TheStreet.com, a New York-based financial news and analysis company as one of the top three strongest banks in Miami-Dade County. Furthermore, it is the 2008 recipient of the Beacon Award in Financial Services. For more information or to find a U.S. Century branch near you, call (305) 715-5200 or visit www.uscentury.com.

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