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U.S. Century Bank Opens Brickell Branch

Branch is Bank's 10th as U.S. Century Moves Forward with Expansion Plan

MIAMI, June 1, 2005 – U.S. Century Bank today announced it has opened a branch in Miami's Brickell area. The property, located at 848 Brickell Ave., is a former Union Bank branch.

"The Brickell branch is the 10th location we've opened since inception in October 2002 and a key part of the expansion plan that we're implementing in Miami-Dade and Broward counties," said Octavio Hernandez, U.S. Century Bank's president and CEO. "Brickell is an important location for us because it's the hub of Miami's banking community."

Ramon Rasco, chairman of U.S. Century Bank, attributed the bank's success to its local expertise, personalized service and financial strength.

"With more than \$500 million in assets and \$90 million in equity capital, U.S. Century is one of the fastest-growing and most financially sound banks in the State of Florida," Rasco said.

U.S. Century Bank is a Miami-based community bank that serves the financial needs of South Florida's business community. U.S. Century Bank currently offers a wide range of banking products and services to customers in Miami-Dade and Broward counties. For more information or to find a U.S. Century branch located near you, call (305) 260-9400 or visit www.uscentury.com.