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U.S. CENTURY BANK HOSTS GRAND OPENING OF TAMIAMI BRANCH

Raquel Benitez Named Branch Manager of Tamiami Branch

MIAMI, February 23, 2009 – U.S. Century Bank recently opened its newest branch. Located at 8700 SW 8 Street (Tamiami Trail), the new Tamiami branch offers bank customers a full range of personal and business banking services including safe deposit boxes and two drive-thru teller lanes as well as a walk-up teller. The convenience of 24-hour ATM services is also available at this location along with Saturday banking hours.

"This new Tamiami branch is very centrally located and many people in our community having being looking forward to this grand opening. We are pleased to announce our branch manager Raquel Benitez, who along with her team of professional bankers will further expand our customer base in that market, particularly the business community in the area who we are confident will appreciate our personal customer service, greater convenience and easier access to our services," said Octavio Hernández, U.S. Century Bank's vice chairman, president and CEO.

Benitez was previously branch manager of the West Flagler branch and joined the bank in 2003. She is responsible for the day-to-day branch operations as well as continued deposit and loan growth at the Tamiami branch. Benitez received a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from St. Thomas University. She is a member of the Doral Business Council.

The Tamiami branch is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday. The drive-thru is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday. The branch is also open Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Established in 2002, U.S. Century Bank is one of the 10 largest community banks headquartered in Miami, with assets of \$1.7 billion. Through its network of 22 branch locations and its online banking platform, it offers its customers a wide range of financial products and services. U.S. Century Bank is the recipient of the 2008 Beacon Award in Financial Services and a 2008 Outstanding Minority Business Award from the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce. It has received the highest ratings from *BauerFinancial Inc.*, widely considered the nation's bank rating service, and was rated one of the top three strongest banks in Florida by

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