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**U.S. CENTURY BANK IS RATED ONE OF THE TOP THREE  
STRONGEST BANKS IN FLORIDA BY THESTREET.COM**

**MIAMI, August 28, 2008** – U.S. Century Bank is rated one of the top three strongest banks in Florida by *TheStreet.com*, a New-York-based financial news and analysis company.

“We are very happy to be recognized as one of the top three strongest banks in Florida. We strive to always be a sound and stable financial institution and this rating from *TheStreet.com* reaffirms our commitment to achieving excellence in the banking industry,” said Octavio Hernández, U.S. Century Bank’s vice chairman, president and CEO.

*TheStreet.com* Ratings’ selection criteria includes all U.S. commercial banks, savings banks, S&Ls and other thrifts with total assets of \$500 million or more and with a rating of B+ or higher. *TheStreet.com* uses the Weiss Safety Ratings which are completely independent, unbiased opinions of an institution’s financial safety, now and in the future. The ratings are derived in most part from quarterly financial statements filed with federal regulators. The Weiss Safety Ratings are assigned by *TheStreet.com* analysts based on a complex analysis of hundreds of factors that are synthesized into five indexes: capitalization, asset profitability, liquidity and stability. A good rating requires consistency across all indexes. A weak score or index can result in a low rating, as insolvency can be caused by any one of a number of factors, such as inadequate capital, poor underwriting practices, operating loss, and failure of an affiliated company.

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 19 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. For more information or to find a U.S. Century branch near you, call (305) 715-5200 or visit [www.uscentury.com](http://www.uscentury.com).

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