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### **U.S. Century Bank Receives Prestigious 2008 Beacon Award for Financial Services**



MIAMI, **March 5, 2008** – U.S. Century Bank received the prestigious **2008 Beacon Award for Financial Services** from the Beacon Council. Accepting the award for the bank were Octavio Hernández, President and CEO; Ramon E. Rasco, Chairman of the Board; and Sergio Pino Vice Chairman of the Board. More than 800 local business people and leaders attended the annual award ceremony at Jungle Island.

“We are thrilled to receive this very important award from the Beacon Council as it recognizes U.S. Century Bank’s commitment to helping our customers with their financial needs, and most importantly, helping to fuel the growth of our local economy,” said Octavio Hernández. “This award showcases the efforts of our employees and their excellence in providing our customers with financial solutions. We salute all the Beacon Award winners who are recognized for their outstanding contributions,” he added.

The Sixth Annual Beacon Awards recognize local industry leaders who promote excellence, job creation, economic development and innovation in the Miami-Dade business community. The annual awards are the premier awards ceremony recognizing

the outstanding contributions to the Miami-Dade economy in the areas of job creation, business expansion, corporate citizenship and leadership. “

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. 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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