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## U.S. CENTURY BANK OPENS BRANCH IN DOWNTOWN MIAMI

MIAMI, March 1, 2006 – U.S. Century Bank today announced that it has opened a branch location in downtown Miami.

Located in the lobby at 100 S.E. Second St., Suite 100, U.S. Century Bank is the only commercial bank to be located within the landmark Bank of America building. The bank was operating out of a temporary location in the building's lobby since last April.

"We are delighted to have the opportunity to offer our services within downtown Miami," said Octavio Hernandez, U.S. Century Bank's president and CEO. "This new branch allows us to provide personal banking and commercial lending services to many current and prospective customers in the area."

"This new branch is part of our well planned growth strategy, which calls for steady expansion that enables us to sustain our profitability while continuing to deliver the highest level of customer service," said Ramon Rasco, U.S. Century Bank's chairman.

The downtown Miami branch is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. In addition to its personal and business banking services, the branch also offers both ATM services and safe deposit boxes.

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 South Florida counties from its 14 branch locations and its online banking platform. For more information or to find a U.S. Century branch near you, call (305) 260-9400 or visit www.uscentury.com.