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U.S. CENTURY BANK HOSTS GRAND OPENING OF GRANADA BLVD. BRANCH

Community Bank Expands with Third Branch in Coral Gables



MIAMI, January 29, 2009 – U.S. Century Bank recently held the grand opening of its newest branch in Coral Gables. Bank customers, staff, directors, Coral Gables Chamber members and City of Coral Gables officials attended the event. Located at 4899 S.W. 8 Street (Granada Avenue and Tamiami Trail), the new Granada Avenue branch offers bank customers a full range of personal and business banking services including safe deposit boxes and two drive-thru teller lanes. The convenience of 24-hour ATM services is also available at this location along with Saturday banking hours.

"We are excited to open this third branch in the Coral Gables and are pleased to have so many members of our community join us for our grand opening, said Octavio Hernández, U.S. Century Bank Vice Chairman, President and C.E.O. "This office will provide our customers with easier access and added convenience," he added.

The Granada 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 a Five-Star Rating from BauerFinancial Inc., widely considered the nation's bank rating service, and was rated one of the top three strongest banks in Florida by *TheStreet.com*, a New York-based financial news and analysis company. For more information or to find a U.S. Century branch near you, call (305) 715-5200 or visit www.uscentury.com.