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**MIAMI-BASED U.S. CENTURY BANK OPENS ITS DOORS TO THE
COUNTRY CLUB OF MIAMI AND MIAMI LAKES COMMUNITIES**

Community bank catering to businesses opens its fifth branch at 18590 NW 67th Avenue on June 1st

MIAMI, May 27, 2004 – U.S. Century Bank, a Miami-based community bank focused on serving the needs of South Florida’s business community, today announced that it will open its fifth branch in the neighborhood of Country Club of Miami on June 1, 2004. The new U.S. Century Bank branch is located on the southwest corner of Miami Gardens Drive and Ludlam Road.

“We look forward to building a lasting partnership with the business owners and residents of the Country Club of Miami community and the surrounding areas,” said Ricardo Sanchez, Executive Vice President of Branch Administration for U.S. Century Bank. “New customers can expect an unparalleled commitment from U.S. Century to provide highly personalized, relationship-driven services tailored to meet their business and lifestyle needs.”

U.S. Century is Florida’s fastest-growing community bank. The bank, which opened in October of 2002, has reported a profit in each of its last five full quarters of operation, boasts nearly \$80 million in capital and total assets in excess of \$275 million. In addition to the Country Club of Miami branch, U.S. Century has offices located in Flagler, two in Hialeah and one in Coral Gables, and is scheduled to open branches in Doral, Coral Way and Key Biscayne later this year.

Branch Manager Ana Maria De La Osa will operate the branch alongside Assistant Branch Manager Marlene Triguero. They each have more than 15 years of experience serving businesses and consumers in the nearby Hialeah area. Ms. Triguero is a longtime Miami Lakes resident.

“This is a dynamic and fast growing community,” said De La Osa. “As a locally-owned and operated bank that caters to small and mid-size companies, fostering development by helping businesses in the Country Club of Miami and Miami Lakes areas grow is one of our top objectives.”

The 3,600-square-foot branch located at 18590 NW 67th Avenue features 24-hour ATM banking, drive-thru service, free ample parking and night depository service. Lobby hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday. Drive-thru hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday. For additional information about the branch, please call (305) 231-2133 or send a fax to (305) 231-2136.

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As of March 30, 2004, U.S. Century has total assets of \$214.2 million and deposits of \$144.9 million. As of April 30, 2004, the bank has \$79.2 million in capital with branches located in Flagler, Coral Gables, and in West and East Hialeah. The bank is headquartered at 7575 West Flagler, Miami, Fla. 33144, 305.260.9400. For additional information, log on to their web site at www.uscentury.com.

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