

WASHINGTON FEDERAL INC  
Form 8-K  
September 21, 2016

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

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CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 21, 2016 (September 20, 2016)

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Washington Federal, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Washington                      001-34654    91-1661606  
(State or other jurisdiction    (Commission    (IRS Employer  
of incorporation)              File Number)    Identification No.)  
425 Pike Street, Seattle, Washington 98101  
(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)  
Registrant's telephone number, including area code (206) 624-7930  
Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On September 20, 2016, the Board of Directors of Washington Federal, Inc. ("Company") announced the authorization of an additional 5 million shares that may be repurchased under the Company's share repurchase program. The Company has repurchased 3,750,658 shares or 4.04% of the shares that were outstanding at the beginning of the year at an average price of \$22.61. The Company also purchased 891,411 in warrants, which it deems to be equivalent to 294,077 shares calculated at the market price of \$26.22 on the date of purchase. Including this increase, the Company is authorized to repurchase an additional 5,156,495 shares under its stock repurchase program.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date:

September  
21, WASHINGTON FEDERAL, INC.  
2016

By: /s/ VINCENT L. BEATTY  
Vincent L. Beatty  
Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer