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WASHINGTON FEDERAL INC
Form 8-K
March 22, 2006

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) March 21, 2006

Washington Federal, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington 0-25454 91-1661606

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer
of incorporation) 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, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last
report)

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(17 CFR 230.425)

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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

On March 21, 2006, Washington Federal, Inc. (the "Company") announced by press release that Barbara Smith, Ph.D., has been named to the Board of Directors of the Company and its subsidiary, Washington Federal Savings. Dr. Smith's appointment is effective April 24, 2006. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

WASHINGTON FEDERAL, INC.

Dated: March 22, 2006

By: /s/ Brent J. Beardall

Brent J. Beardall
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer