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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17CFR 240.13e-14(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On August 26, 2005, Heartland Financial USA, Inc., (the “Company”) announced the addition of a loan production office in Denver, Colorado. A copy of the Press Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits**

- (a) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF BUSINESS ACQUIRED.

None.

- (b) PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION.

None.

- (c) EXHIBITS

99. Press Release dated August 26, 2005

**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.

Dated: August 26, 2005

**HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA, INC.**

By: /s/ John K. Schmidt  
John K. Schmidt  
Executive Vice President, CFO & COO