

HERITAGE FINANCIAL CORP /WA/  
Form 8-K  
October 04, 2006

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**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 and Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

October 1, 2006

**HERITAGE FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**WASHINGTON**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**0-29480**  
(Commission File  
Number)

**91-1857900**  
IRS Employer Identification  
No.

**201 Fifth Avenue S.W.**

**Olympia WA**  
(Address of principal executive officers)

**98501**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (360) 943-1500

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

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**ITEM 1.01 ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT**

On October 1, 2006 Heritage Financial Corporation (Heritage), Olympia, Washington entered into a new employment contract with Heritage's President and CEO Brian L. Vance. The contract is effective on October 1, 2006 and provides that Mr. Vance serve as President and CEO of Heritage Financial Corporation for a term of three years ending September 30, 2009 after which time this agreement will automatically renew for additional terms of one year each. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the agreement, this agreement may be terminated by either party by giving written notice to the other party at least one year prior to the expiration date of the original term or any renewal term.

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND EXHIBITS**

(d) The Employment Agreement between Heritage and Brian L. Vance dated 10/01/2006 is attached as Exhibit 10.1.

SIGNATURES

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

Dated: October 4, 2006

HERITAGE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Donald V. Rhodes  
Donald V. Rhodes

Chairman