



- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17CFR 240.13e-14(c))

**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On October 23, 2006, Heartland Financial USA, Inc., issued a press release announcing its earnings for the quarter ended September 30, 2006. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(a) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF  
BUSINESS ACQUIRED.

NONE.

(b) PRO FORMA FINANCIAL  
INFORMATION.

NONE.

(c) EXHIBITS

99. Press Release dated October 23, 2006.

**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: October 23, 2006

**HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA, INC.**

By: /s/ John K. Schmidt

John K. Schmidt

Executive Vice President, CFO & COO