

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS INC
Form 8-K
March 30, 2011

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 30, 2011

Financial Institutions, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York

0-26481

16-0816610

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

220 Liberty Street, Warsaw, New York

14569

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

585-786-1100

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 8.01 Other Events.

On March 30, 2011, Financial Institutions, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that it has redeemed the remaining \$25.0 million of its Series A Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, issued to the U.S. Department of the Treasury pursuant to the Troubled Asset Relief Program in December 2008. The Company, which originally received a \$37.5 million investment through the program, repaid \$12.5 million in February 2011.

The full text of the press release is included herein as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release issued by Financial Institutions, Inc. on March 30, 2011.

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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.

Financial Institutions, Inc.

March 30, 2011

By: */s/ Karl F. Krebs*

Name: Karl F. Krebs

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|---------------------------|---|
| 99.1 | Press Release issued by Financial Institutions, Inc. on March 30, 2011. |