

HF FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 425  
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Date: January 12, 2016 # Date Category Question Answer 1 12/4/2015 Employment

If a current position is not filled, When will you tell the employee(s), days, weeks or the day off?

At this point, staffing levels are still being reviewed. Each employee that will have a position with GWB will receive a letter stating the position and pay. These letters will be delivered once a position is confirmed. After January 1st, 2016, you will be able to start applying for GWB open positions. Qualified Home Federal employees will have priority placement for all open positions. Any employees hired through an open position will transition to GWB after the closing date. Severance packages will be offered if a position is eliminated. 2 12/4/2015 Benefits

If your position is not filled will PTO be paid out? Or will you lose it? If your position doesn't continue with GWB, your PTO will be paid out according to Home Federal's PTO policy. 3 12/4/2015 Products/Services Will any of the products & services offered by HFB be adopted by GWB?

(Recently Home Federal updated their business DDA accounts & their online banking platform, just wondering if GWB will continue using these accounts/services) TBD 4 12/4/2015 Products/Services What products/services are offered by GWB that are not currently offered at HFB? TBD 5 12/4/2015

Products/Services What products/services are offered by HFB that are not currently offered at GWB? TBD 6 12/4/2015 Employment

Do you know when we will be notified whether we will have a job or not? Please see question 1 7 12/4/2015 Benefits

What is the insurance/benefits package of GWB? Please see GWB Summary of Benefits 8 12/4/2015 Benefits At what rate do employees of GWB accrue PTO?

Please see GWB Summary of Benefits 9 12/4/2015 Conversion How will accounts be transitioned? I'm assuming we will need to use GWB routing number.

Great Western Bank will grandfather the Home Federal routing number giving customers the convenience of using their existing checks. 10 12/4/2015

Conversion Will we be offering new checks to customers at some point? Please see question 9 11 12/4/2015 Employment Is my job secure? Please see question 1

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GWB intends to bring retained employees over at their existing compensation levels. 13 12/4/2015 Employment  
Will we have to reapply for positions? If so, when will we be finding out what positions will be available/when we need to start applying for jobs?  
There is no need to apply or submit a resume for GWB opening if you are provided a commitment letter stating your GWB position. 14 12/4/2015  
Products/Services Are we keeping our Q2 Online Banking platform? TBD 15 12/4/2015 GWB What is GWB's culture? Sales Culture?  
Mission: Make Life Great by taking outstanding care of our customers and creating long term relationships. Vision: To become one of the leading regional banks in the United States through a commitment to organic growth and acquisitions aligned to strategy. Values: Be authentic and respectful. Do the right thing. Drive performance and results. Put the customer first. Get the basics right. Empower locally, think globally. 16 12/4/2015 GWB  
How do you create team member engagement? Please see question 15 17 12/4/2015 GWB Will we get to keep our Jeans Day for Charity program?  
Sioux Falls does have a program to donate money to charities for Friday jeans days. Details to be released at a later date. 18 12/4/2015 Conversion  
What teller system do you use? GWB is on the Jack Henry platform 19 12/4/2015 Conversion Will the ITM technology grow into GWB branches/markets? TBD  
20 12/4/2015 Conversion What kinds of communications will be sent to customers? Do you have a copy of those communications?  
GWB will be hosting a special website page to serve as a communication hub for customers. Links to that page will be provided on Home Federal's website. 21  
12/4/2015 Conversion We know that the merger is set to take place end of our quarter 2 of this  
fiscal year, but does this mean our name will be changed then too? Is there a time line of the merge?  
Upon closing, Home Federal Bank will adopt the Great Western Bank name and the holding company will be Great Western Bancorp, Inc. 22 12/4/2015  
Products/Services Will we be acquiring GWB products or will those be changing at all? TBD 23 12/4/2015 GWB  
Would you be willing to provide a copy of your organizational chart? Staffing levels and reporting structures are still being developed at this time. 24 12/4/2015  
Other Is Infinia Bank included in the merger? Yes 25 12/4/2015 Employment Should Home Federal employees start applying for job postings on GWB  
website or do we wait for further instructions on what will be available/offered to us? Please see question 1 26 12/4/2015 Employment  
Can you provide further information with an expected date and how that avenue will be available to HFB employees whose job are not expected to be retained.  
Please see question 1 27 12/4/2015 Employment Are some people just going to be moved over to GWB or does everyone have to apply? Please see question 1

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CC? Will these CC's be converted or replaced by GWB CC? TBD 29 12/4/2015 Conversion  
Consumer loan centralization. HF Consumer lenders used to make the decision at the desk. After centralization the loan approval decision is now made by the centralization department. Will this change after the transition to GWB? TBD 30 12/4/2015 Employment  
What does the Branch Staff Model look like? GWB intends to maintain similar staffing levels within the branches. 31 12/4/2015 Benefits  
When will we have access to the Benefits Information: programs and costs? Please see GWB Summary of Benefits 32 12/4/2015 GWB  
Can we wear jeans on Friday and make a donation to the charity of the month? \$3.00/Friday Please see question 17 33 12/4/2015 GWB  
Will we each be issued a GWB logo shirt? TBD 34 12/4/2015 Employment Will the branch hours change? If we are currently closed on Saturday, will we be open on Saturday? TBD 35 12/4/2015 Benefits What happens to my HF pension plan?  
The Home Federal Pension is currently being assessed. It currently remains at its current state. 36 12/4/2015 Benefits What happens to my 401K plan?  
Retained employees will have the option to either roll over your 401K to Great Western's 401k or move to individual accounts. 37 12/4/2015 Other  
Will we keep the Denny Sanford Premier Centre Box? We currently get access to presale codes for discounts on tickets will this continue as well? TBD 38 12/4/2015 Benefits What happens to my PTO Bank? How will this convert to GWB?  
Any accrued and unused PTO balances from Home Federal will be transferred to GWB at the time of closing. Employees will then start accruing PTO based on GWB's PTO policy. 39 12/4/2015 Employment What will my job title be? TBD 40 12/4/2015 Conversion  
How and when will all the branch signage be changed inside and outside of each location? Signage will be changed after the closing date. 41 12/4/2015 Conversion Will we still order money from Rochester Armored Car? Will RAC continue to service all ATM's on/off site? Will the RAC delivery of cash change from every other week to weekly? TBD 42 12/4/2015 Conversion  
Will all the ATMs remain active in current locations on/off site? TBD 43 12/4/2015 Benefits  
How does PTO work if I am full/part time? Our branch is only open for 8 hours and my current schedule is 7 hours/day; however, when I take a day of PTO am I charged with 8 hours? Please see GWB Summary of Benefits 44 12/4/2015 Employment  
Will my schedule change from 35 37 hours to 40 hours/week? TBD 45 12/4/2015 Conversion Will the bank routing number change? Please see question 9

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All checking/savings/CD account numbers will remain the same at this time. If any changes to the account numbers are required in the future, we will communicate these changes to affected customers well in advance of those changes. 47 12/4/2015 Conversion Does HFB customers need to order new checks?

Please see question 9 48 12/4/2015 Conversion HF Encore Account for Seniors we have several additional benefits for our customers with this account. Will the additional benefits continue?...Trips, ice cream socials, etc... TBD 49 12/4/2015 Conversion

HF Checking accounts with POINTS? Will these points be lost in the acquisition? Will the customers and employees need to use these points prior to conversion? TBD 50 12/4/2015 Employment FTE Status Clarify the PT20, PT30, FT40 at GWB; How does my PT status change after conversion? Will I continue to have benefits? What benefits will I qualify for? Please see GWB Summary of Benefits 51 12/4/2015 Conversion

When and how will the customers have access to acquisition information? Please see question 20 52 12/4/2015 Employment Who will be the Group President report to after the merger? Please see question 23 53 12/4/2015 Employment When will an organization staff chart be available? Please see question 23 54 12/4/2015 GWB How will the HF branch footprint effect the GWB Groups in SD currently established?

At closing, the combined entity is projected to have \$11.3 billion in assets, \$8.5 billion in loans, and \$8.6 billion in deposits and will serve 127 communities in nine states. 55 12/4/2015 Employment What branch will I be relocated to after my branch closes? Please see question 1 56 12/4/2015 Conversion When will the GWB staff be introduced to the ITM technology? TBD 57 12/4/2015 Employment

Why have none of the "operations" people been told they will or will not have employment after (or before) April Please see questions 1, 12, and 13 58 12/4/2015 Employment I would like to know if I'm going to have a job... would I have to apply for the same type of job I'm doing now? Will I be asked to do another job within the bank, if so, will I have to apply for it? Who determines if I will even have a job? Please see questions 1, 12, and 14 59 12/4/2015 Employment

Can your present staff support all of our Commercial and Ag credits, all of the Mortgage/Retail Business and Trust and Loan servicing of HFB and Great Western? At this point, staffing levels are still being reviewed. 60 12/10/2015 Benefits Is PTO needed for holidays the bank is closed? No 61 12/10/2015 Benefits Will our current PTO hours be paid out or transfer? The decision whether to pay out or transfer PTO will be determined upon your employment status.

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If we are given our entire balance Jan 1 what happens to the unused PTO from the following year?  
GWB allows you to carryover 40 hours of PTO that must be used by March 31st. Any hours over 40 or unused carryover hours are put in a sick bank that can be used for FMLA. 63 12/15/2015 Benefits Could you explain the hours a part time 20 works and a part time 30 works?  
Please see GWB Summary of Benefits 64 12/17/2015 Conversion I was wondering about the function of our ITM's after close/conversion.  
Will you continue with this advanced technology? TBD 65 12/18/2015 Benefits Which Holidays does GWB observe?  
For 2016, GWB observes: New Years Day (Friday, Jan 1st), Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Monday, Jan 18th), Memorial Day (Monday, May 30th), Independence Day (Monday, July 4th), Labor Day (Monday, Sept 5th), Veterans Day (Friday, November 11th), Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 24th) and Christmas Day (Monday, December 26th) 66 12/18/2015 Employment  
Will GWB be reviewing the hours of the branches for possible changes? TBD 67 12/21/2015 Employment  
Will all HFB employees be advised by January 1, 2016 if their position is being retained or not? Please see question 1 68 12/21/2015 Other  
What is GWB's dress code like? Suits only? Or a typical professional dress code? The front line has a professional dress code and Business Casual Fridays. 69 12/28/2015 Benefits The current list of Holidays at Home Federal is 2 more than at GWB,  
assuming we will not have those extra 2 off (Columbus Day & Presidents Day) but are we required to use PTO for the other Holidays, or will those be paid Holidays? You are not required to take PTO for Great Western Bank identified Holidays,  
they are paid Holidays by the bank and will be paid out according to your scheduled hours. 70 12/28/2015 Benefits  
I see that PTO is not needed when the bank is closed, but does that mean GWB pays for "all bank holidays" or employees don't have to make up 8 hours that week? Please see question 69 71 12/28/2015 Benefits The question was asked, then answered about which Holidays that GWB observes. It is not clear if GWB has PAID holidays, please clarify. Please see question 69 72 1/4/2016 Employment  
In the latest current talking points bulletin, the answer to question 1 states after 1/1/16, HFB employees can start applying for positions at GWB. Question 26 states HFB employees will be provided a link to the open positions with GWB that is not available to the general public. Can you tell me when that link will be available, and where it will be located? The link to GWB's internal job postings has been provided to Home Federal Bank's HR department. All HFB employees should have access to this now. 73 1/4/2016 Benefits  
Will we still be able to deduct our Aflac premiums from our payroll checks? Plans are still being worked out on the benefit transition.

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final and if an employee is retained by GWB and has 150 hours in their Home Federal PTO balance plus the accrual they receive from GWB would be over the allowed amount. Will they still fall under the GWB rule for PTO and converting over to FMLA? They are wanting to know so if necessary they might need to request more time off before the sale is final to avoid the hours converting to FMLA hours. Will their PTO balance converting over need to equal to the amount lost from accrual from January 1st to sale date to avoid any lost time to FMLA? this will be communicated as soon as decisions are made. 75 1/5/2016 Employment 1. Does GWB have a policy on part time jobs? 2. Do you have an approved list of courses for tuition reimbursement? 3. I am sure a lot of the answers to our questions are in the employee handbook, do you have a time line of when we will receive a copy of GWB's employee handbook? 1. Please see GWB's Summary of Benefits. 2. Please see GWB's Benefits Summary Guide for more information 3. HFB employees will receive GWB's employee handbook after the completion of the sale is final early in the 2nd quarter of 2016. 76 1/7/2016 Products/Services Will GWB be taking on Mastercard or will all the customers be transferred to Visa? TBD 77 1/7/2016 Employment How soon will we be receiving our employment letters? Will there be a mass mailing or will they go out Branch by Branch? Letters will be delivered as soon as staffing decisions are made. They will go out to each Branch. 78 1/8/2016 Benefits I was wondering if GWB has the policy of five days out of the bank once a year? And if you do, when will the year start? GWB does not have a written policy of five days out of the bank once a year.

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