

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS INC  
Form 8-K  
November 30, 2005

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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 Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

November 29, 2005

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 November 29, 2005, the Company issued a press release announcing that it has received approval from the New York State Banking Department to consolidate its four subsidiary banks into the state-chartered First Tier Bank & Trust subsidiary, which will be renamed Five Star Bank. In addition, the approval of the merger application received on November 14, 2005 from the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System became effective following the statutory waiting period.

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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.

*November 30, 2005*

By: *Ronald A. Miller*

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*Name: Ronald A. Miller*

*Title: Executive Vice President & CFO*

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| <b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b> | <b><u>Description</u></b>              |
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| 99.1                      | Press Release Issued November 29, 2005 |