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## Standard & Poor's Announces Change to U.S. Index

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 27 /PRNewswire/ -- First Cash Financial Services Inc. (Nasdaq: FCFS) will replace Republic Bancorp Inc. (Nasdaq: RBNC) in the S&P SmallCap 600 index after the close of trading on Friday, December 29. Republic is being acquired by Citizens Banking Corp. (Nasdaq: CBCF) in a deal expected to close on or about that date, pending final approvals.

Standard & Poor's will monitor this transaction, and post any relevant updates on its website: [www.standardandpoors.com](http://www.standardandpoors.com).

First Cash Financial provides specialty consumer finance products. Headquartered in Arlington, TX, the company will be added to the S&P SmallCap 600 GICS (Global Industry Classification Standard) Consumer Finance Sub-Industry index.

Following is a summary of the change:

| S&P SMALLCAP 600 INDEX - December 29, 2006 |                      |                      |                   |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
|  | COMPANY              | GICS ECONOMIC SECTOR | GICS SUB-INDUSTRY |
| ADDED                                      | First Cash Financial | Financials           | Consumer Finance  |
| DELETED                                    | Republic Bancorp     | Financials           | Regional Banks    |

Additions to and deletions from an S&P equity index do not in any way reflect an opinion on the investment merits of the companies concerned.

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