

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS INC  
Form 8-K  
July 28, 2006

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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):

July 26, 2006

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

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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 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

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On July 26, 2006 the Board of Directors of Financial Institutions, Inc. approved an amendment to the Company's 1999 Management Stock Incentive Plan. The amendment gives discretion to the Company's Compensation Committee to determine at the time of a restricted stock grant whether dividends payable on the participants' unvested shares will be paid to the participant or reinvested in additional shares of restricted stock. Prior to this amendment dividends issued on unvested restricted stock were to be held by the Company for the benefit of the participant. The amendment is attached as Exhibit 10.1.

Also on July 26, 2006 Financial Institutions, Inc. Board of Directors approved grants of Non-Qualified Stock Options and grants of Restricted Stock to its officers under the Company's 1999 Management Stock Incentive Plan (as amended). Grants to Executive and Senior officers were as follows:

Peter G. Humphrey, President and Chief Executive Officer  
8,500 Non-Qualified Stock Options  
4,200 Restricted Stock

James T. Rudgers, EVP and Chief of Community Banking  
3,500 Non-Qualified Stock Options  
2,000 Restricted Stock

Ronald A. Miller, EVP and Chief Financial Officer  
1,650 Non-Qualified Stock Options  
1,000 Restricted Stock

G. Daniel Hagi, EVP and Chief Risk Officer  
1,650 Non-Qualified Stock Options  
1,000 Restricted Stock

Kevin B. Klotzbach, SVP and Treasurer  
1,650 Non-Qualified Stock Options  
1,000 Restricted Stock

Bruce H. Nagle, SVP ad Director of Human Resources  
1,650 Non-Qualified Stock Options  
1,000 Restricted Stock

Martin B. Birmingham, SVP/Regional President/Senior Market Executive  
1,650 Non-Qualified Stock Options  
1,000 Restricted Stock

Richard J. Harrison, SVP and Retail Lending Administrator  
1,650 Non-Qualified Stock Options  
1,000 Restricted Stock

John J. Witkowski, SVP/Regional President/Retail Banking Executive  
1,650 Non-Qualified Stock Options  
1,000 Restricted Stock

The non-qualified stock options have a grant price of \$19.75 per share, the closing price of the Company's stock on July 26, 2006. The non-qualified stock options vest 25% each year on the first through the fourth anniversaries of the grant. The restricted stock shares vest 100% on the third anniversary of the date of the grant. For unvested restricted shares cash dividends paid on the Company's common stock will be paid to the participants. Other terms of the non-qualified stock option grants are contained in the form of Non-Qualified Stock Option Agreement (Exhibit 10.2) and other terms of the restrictive stock awards are contained in the form of Restricted Stock Award Agreement (Exhibit 10.3).

**Exhibits**

The following exhibits are being filed with this report:

10.1 Amendment Number One To The Financial Institutions, Inc. 1999 Management Stock Incentive Plan

10.2 Form of Non-Qualified Stock Option Agreement Pursuant To The Financial Institutions, Inc. Management Stock Incentive Plan

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**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

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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.

*July 28, 2006*

By: *Ronald A. Miller*

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*Name: Ronald A. Miller*

*Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*

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