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### CENTURY BANK RECEIVES U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AWARD

Medford, MA., December 19, 2005 --- John McKenna, Senior Vice President , Division Head, Small Business, of Century Bank (“Century”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Century Bancorp, Inc. (NASDAQ: CNBKA) ([www.century-bank.com](http://www.century-bank.com)) announced today that Maurice L. Dube of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) awarded Century the **2005 award for most improved SBA 7A Lender in Massachusetts.**

“Century considers the SBA to be a valued partner in our mission to provide significant lending capital for the small business community in Massachusetts.” Said McKenna of Century. “Our successful partnership has enabled the region to maintain a favorable climate for small business growth.”

Century Bank and Trust Company, a subsidiary of Century Bancorp, Inc., is a state chartered, full-service commercial bank. Century Bank operates twenty-three full-service branches in the Greater Boston area and offers a full range of Commercial, Personal, Institutional Services and Investment Products.

Century Bank and Trust Company is a member of the FDIC and is an Equal Housing Lender.

Corporate Headquarters located at 400 Mystic Avenue, Medford, MA. 02155. Branch locations in Allston, Beverly, Boston, Braintree, Brookline, Burlington, Cambridge, Everett, Lynn, Malden, Medford, Newton, Peabody, Quincy, Salem and Somerville.

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