

PEOPLES BANCORPORATION INC /SC/  
Form 425  
December 20, 2011

**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): **December 19, 2011**

**SCBT FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**South Carolina**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**001-12669**  
(Commission File  
Number)

**57-0799315**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**520 Gervais Street**  
**Columbia, South Carolina**

**29201**

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

**(800) 277-2175**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - 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 December 20, 2011, SCBT Financial Corporation (the Company ) and Peoples Bancorporation, Inc. ( Peoples ) announced that they had entered a definitive agreement, dated as of December 19, 2011, pursuant to which Peoples will merge with and into the Company. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. In addition, the Company will be providing supplemental information regarding the proposed transaction in connection with a presentation to analysts and investors. The slides to be used in connection with this analyst and investor presentation are attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits.

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release of SCBT Financial Corporation, dated December 20, 2011
99.2	Investor Presentation, dated December 20, 2011

**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 thereunto duly authorized.

SCBT FINANCIAL CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

Date: December 20, 2011

/s/ Donald E. Pickett  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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