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PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 6 DATED FEBRUARY 13, 2002  
(To Prospectus Supplement dated November 27, 2001  
and Prospectus dated November 21, 2001)

FLEETBOSTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION  
SENIOR MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES T (The "Senior Notes") and  
SUBORDINATED MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES U (The "Subordinated Notes")  
DUE 9 MONTHS OR MORE FROM DATE OF ISSUE  
FLOATING RATE NOTE

|                                                                                        | SERIES T (SENIOR) [X]                                                                                                          | SERIES U (SUBORDINATED) [ ]    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Principal Amount:                                                                      | \$170,000,000.00                                                                                                               | CUSIP Number: 33900QBC7        |
| Price to Public:                                                                       | 100.00%                                                                                                                        | ORIGINAL ISSUE DISCOUNT (OID): |
| Issue Date:                                                                            | February 19, 2002                                                                                                              | Total Amount of OID:           |
| Maturity Date:                                                                         | February 19, 2004                                                                                                              | Yield to Maturity:             |
| Price to Issuer (as % principal):                                                      | 99.9600%                                                                                                                       | Initial Accrual Period OID:    |
| Net Proceeds to Issuer:                                                                | \$169,932,000.00                                                                                                               |                                |
| Specified Currency (if other than U.S. Dollars):                                       |                                                                                                                                |                                |
| Interest Rate Basis:                                                                   | [ ] CMT Rate                                                                                                                   |                                |
|                                                                                        | Designated CMT Telerate Page:                                                                                                  |                                |
|                                                                                        | Designated CMT Maturity Index:                                                                                                 |                                |
|                                                                                        | [ ] Commercial Paper Rate                                                                                                      |                                |
|                                                                                        | [X] LIBOR                                                                                                                      |                                |
|                                                                                        | LIBOR SCREEN                                                                                                                   |                                |
|                                                                                        | Telerate (p 3750) [X]                                                                                                          |                                |
|                                                                                        | Reuters [ ]                                                                                                                    |                                |
|                                                                                        | Other [ ]                                                                                                                      |                                |
| Index Maturity:                                                                        | 1 Month                                                                                                                        |                                |
| Spread:                                                                                | plus 26 basis points                                                                                                           |                                |
| Spread Multiplier:                                                                     |                                                                                                                                |                                |
| Maximum Interest Rate:                                                                 |                                                                                                                                |                                |
| Minimum Interest Rate:                                                                 |                                                                                                                                |                                |
| Initial Interest Rate:                                                                 | 2.11000%                                                                                                                       |                                |
| Method of Calculation:                                                                 | Actual/360 [X]                                                                                                                 | Actual/Actual [ ]              |
| Interest Determination Dates:                                                          | [ ] One Business Day Prior to the Interest Payment Date                                                                        |                                |
|                                                                                        | [ ] Two Business Days Prior to the Interest Payment Date                                                                       |                                |
|                                                                                        | [X] Two London Business Days Prior to the Interest Payment Date                                                                |                                |
| Initial Interest Reset Date:                                                           | March 19, 2002                                                                                                                 |                                |
| Interest Reset Dates:                                                                  | Monthly on each Interest Payment Date                                                                                          |                                |
| Interest Payment Dates:                                                                | Monthly on the 19th day of each month commencing on March 19, 2002, and subject to modified following business day convention. |                                |
| Regular Record Dates (if other than the 15th day prior to each Interest Payment Date): |                                                                                                                                |                                |
| Interest Reset Period:                                                                 | Monthly                                                                                                                        |                                |
| Interest Payment Period:                                                               | Monthly                                                                                                                        |                                |
| Calculation Agent (if other than Bank of New York):                                    |                                                                                                                                |                                |
| Redemption:                                                                            | [X] The Notes cannot be redeemed prior to the maturity date                                                                    |                                |
|                                                                                        | [ ] The Notes can be redeemed prior to the maturity date                                                                       |                                |

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|                                       |                                                      | Initial Redemption Date:                                            |
|                                       |                                                      | Initial Redemption Percentage                                       |
|                                       |                                                      | Annual Redemption Percentage                                        |
| Repayment:                            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [X]              | The Notes cannot be repaid prior to maturity                        |
|                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> [ ]                         | The Notes can be repaid prior to maturity of the holder of the Note |
|                                       |                                                      | Holder's Optional Repayment                                         |
| Index Currency:                       | Place of Payment:                                    | Authorized                                                          |
| (only if non-U.S. Dollar denominated) |                                                      |                                                                     |
| Agent:                                | J.P. Morgan Securities Inc.                          |                                                                     |
| Agent's Capacity:                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [X] As Principal | <input type="checkbox"/> [ ] As Agent                               |
| Delivery:                             | DTC # 187                                            |                                                                     |
| Additional Terms:                     |                                                      |                                                                     |