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Mr. Jeffery Thomas  
Chief, IT Services  
Division of Corporation Finance  
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission  
100 F Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Washington, DC 20549  
CERT NAS  
File No. 001-35489

Dear Mr. Thomas:

This is to certify that on April 2, 2012 The Nasdaq Stock Market (the "Exchange") received from Howard Bancorp, Inc. (the "Registrant") a copy of the Registrant's application on Form 8-A 12(b) for the registration of the following security:

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

We further certify that the security described above has been approved by the Exchange for listing and registration upon official notice of issuance.

We understand that the Registrant is seeking effectiveness of the Form 8-A 12(b) concurrently with effectiveness of its 1933 Act Registration Statement, and we hereby join in such request.

Sincerely,

*William Slattery*