Summary: Carter County, Kentucky; General Obligation Jan 12

Description: Abstract
Standard & Poor's Ratings Services assigned its 'A-' rating and stable outlook to Carter County, Ky.'s series 2012 general obligation refunding bonds. The rating reflects our assessment of the county's: Limited economic base with access to some employment in bordering communities via Interstate 64; Good cash reserves as a percent of general fund expenditures, including transfers into the jail fund, albeit nominally small; and Low direct debt. The county's full-faith-and-credit pledge secures the bonds. Officials intend to use bond proceeds to current refund the county's series 2001 bonds for interest cost savings. Carter County, in northeastern Kentucky, is 97 miles east of Lexington. The county's population, which has fluctuated over the past decade, is currently an estimated 26,848, down by...

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