Summary: Carroll Cnty, MD; Tax Secured, General Obligation Feb 04

Description: Abstract
The 'AA' rating on Carroll County, Md.'s GO bonds reflects the county's: Diversifying local economy with participation in the Baltimore MSA; Good financial position, despite a reduction in reserves over the past three fiscal years; Strong management practices, with long-range planning that guides county growth and development; and Moderate debt burden with faster-than-average amortization. The series 2004 and outstanding GO bonds are secured by the county's full faith and credit GO pledge. Series 2004 bond proceeds will be used to refund outstanding series 1996, 1997, and 1999 bonds, for net present value savings. Carroll County encompasses 453 square miles and is located in north-central Maryland, bordering the Pennsylvania state line. The county is also bordered by Baltimore County and Howard...

Companies mentioned in this report are:
- Carroll Cnty

Action: New Rating
Action: Outlook: Stable

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