Summary: Carteret County, North Carolina; Appropriations; General Obligation Mar 07

Description:

Abstract
The standard long-term rating and Standard & Poor's underlying rating (SPUR) on Carteret County, N.C.'s GO bonds have been raised to 'AA' from 'AA-', based on the county's continued expansion and diversification of its economic base. The SPUR on the county's certificates of participation has been raised to 'AA-' from 'A+'. The county's series 2007 GO bonds have been rated 'AA'. The ratings reflect the county's: Healthy tourism-based economy that is steadily diversifying into the manufacturing, retail, and marine-science R&D sectors; Desirability as a second-home destination, leading to well above average property wealth; Strong financial management and position; and Low tax base debt burden. Credit limitations include the county's: Above-average debt service carrying charges, due to an above-average rate of...

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Action: New Rating
Action: Outlook: Stable
Action: Upgraded

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