Summary: Carteret County, North Carolina; Appropriations; General Obligation May 10

Description:

Abstract
Standard & Poor's Ratings Services raised its long-term rating on Carteret County, N.C.'s outstanding general obligation (GO) debt to 'AA+' from 'AA' based on the county's long-standing maintenance of a very strong financial profile and a low debt burden. The long-term rating on the county's outstanding appropriation-backed debt has also been raised one notch to 'AA' from 'AA-'. The outlook on the county's debt remains stable. The 'AA+' rating reflects our assessment of the county's: Modest economic growth, primarily in big box retail, diversifying the tourism-based economy; Continued positive operating performance with surpluses in fiscals 2008 and 2009; and Low overall net debt as a percentage of market value. Carteret County with an estimated 2008 population of 64,698 is located...

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Action: Outlook: Stable
Action: Upgraded

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