Summary: Carthage, Illinois; General Obligation Feb 14

Description:
Standard & Poor's Ratings Services affirmed its 'A' rating on Carthage, Ill.'s outstanding general obligation (GO) debt, based on Standard & Poor's local GO criteria released Sept. 12, 2013. The outlook is stable. The city's unlimited-tax GO pledge, along with pledged revenues, secure the bonds. Pledged revenues consist of all collections from public utilities and interest subsidy payments received from the U.S. Treasury. The city has qualified its bonds as Recovery Zone Economic Development bonds, and is pledging the 45% interest subsidy to be received from the federal government. When received by the city, the Recovery Zone payments will become city revenues and are pledged to pay down the bonds. The rating reflects our assessment of the following: Carthage has...

Companies mentioned in this report are:
- Carthage

Action: Affirmed
Action: Outlook: Stable

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