Summary: Carrollton, TX; Tax Secured, General Obligation Feb 05

Abstract
Standard & Poor's Ratings Services assigned its 'AA' rating, and stable outlook, to Carrollton, Texas' series 2005 GO improvement and refunding bonds. The rating reflects the city's: Strong and diversified economic base, coupled with access to the Dallas-Fort Worth MSA; Historically strong financial position with conservative management practices and long-term planning; and Moderately high debt burden, resulting from ongoing growth pressures of the overlapping entities. The city's full faith and credit pledge secures the bonds. Due to its location in northern Dallas County and southern Denton County, coupled with the availability of land within city limits, Carrollton, with a population of about 112,000, continues to experience slow, but steady, population and business growth. Carrollton's growth, however, has slowed; and the...

Companies mentioned in this report are:
- Carrollton

Action: Affirmed
Action: New Rating
Action: Outlook: Stable

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