Abstract
Standard & Poor's Ratings Services assigned its 'AA+' long-term rating to Carteret County, N.C.'s series 2015 general obligation (GO) bonds. At the same time, we affirmed our 'AA+' long-term rating and underlying rating (SPUR) on the county's existing GO bonds, and our 'AA' long-term rating on the county's limited obligation bonds. The outlook on all ratings is stable. The series 2015 bonds are secured by the county's pledge of full faith, credit, and unlimited taxing power. Officials plan to use the series 2015 bond proceeds to finance improvements to the county's school facilities. The 'AA+' rating reflects our view of the county's following factors: Strong economy, with projected per capita effective buying income at 102.9% of the national level and...

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- Carteret Cnty

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Action: New Rating
Action: Outlook: Stable

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