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Pricing Supplement No. 56 dated January 25, 2005 (to Prospectus dated August 6, 2003 and Prospectus Supplement dated August 6, 2003)

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## **SLM Corporation**

Medium Term Notes, Series A

Due 9 Months or Longer From the Date of Issue

Principal Amount:	\$50,000,000		Floating Rate Notes: o	Fixed Rate Notes:	ý
Original Issue Date:	February 4, 20	05	Closing Date: February 4, 2005	CUSIP Number:	78442F DJ 4
Maturity Date:	January 25, 20	25	Option to Extend Maturity: ý No If Yes, Final Maturity o Yes Date:	Specified Currency:	U.S. Dollars
Redeemable in whole or in part at the o No option of the Company:			Redemption Price:	100% of the principal amount of the Notes plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date fixed for redemption.	
		ý Yes	Redemption Dates:	July 25 <sup>th</sup> , Octol January 25 <sup>th</sup> th of the Notes up	10 and each April 25 <sup>th</sup> , ber 25 <sup>th</sup> and ereafter during the term on at least 20 days o holders of the Notes.
Repayment at the option of the ý No Holder:		Repayment Price:	Not Applicable	».	
		o Yes	Repayment Dates:	Not Applicable	·.
Applicable to Fixed	Rate Notes Only	y <b>:</b>			
Interest Rate:	5.6254	<i>7</i> 6.	Interest Payment Dates	: Each January 25 <sup>th</sup> , April 25 <sup>th</sup> , October 25 <sup>th</sup> during the term of earlier redeemed, beginning A to adjustment in accordance who business day convention.	of the Notes, unless april 25, 2005, subject
Interest Accrual Meth	hod: 30/360	)	Interest Periods:	From and including the Closin	ng Date or each

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January 25<sup>th</sup>, April 25<sup>th</sup>, July 25<sup>th</sup> and October 25<sup>th</sup> thereafter, as the case may be, to and including the next succeeding April 24<sup>th</sup>, July 24<sup>th</sup>, October 24<sup>th</sup> and January 24<sup>th</sup>, as the case may be, unless earlier redeemed, with no adjustment to period end dates for accrual purposes.

## **Lehman Brothers**

January 25, 2005

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Form: Book-entry.

Denominations: \$1,000 minimum and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

Trustee: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. formerly known as JPMorgan Chase Bank and The Chase Manhattan Bank.

Agent: Lehman Brothers Inc. is acting as underwriter in connection with this issuance.

Issue Price: 100.0%.

Agent's Commission: 0.30%.

Net Proceeds: \$49,850,000.

Concession: 0.00%.

Reallowance: 0.00%.

CUSIP Number: 78442F DJ 4.

ISIN Number: US78442FDJ49.

An affiliate of the underwriter has agreed to enter into a swap transaction with the issuer of the Notes, and the underwriter may receive compensation from such affiliate in connection with the swap transaction.

Obligations of SLM Corporation and any subsidiary of SLM Corporation are not guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the United States of America. Neither SLM Corporation nor any subsidiary of SLM Corporation is a government-sponsored enterprise or an instrumentality of the United States of America.

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