

SLM Corporation

Medium Term Notes, Series B



With Maturities of 9 Months or More from Date of Issue

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Pricing Supplement No. 553
 (To Prospectus dated January 5, 2005 and
 Prospectus Supplement dated January 5, 2005)

Trade Date: 8/7/2006
Issue Date: 8/10/2006

The date of this Pricing Supplement is 8/7/2006

CUSIP	Stated	Maturity Date	Price to Public ^{2,3}	Discounts & Commissions	Interest Payment		Survivor's Option	Yes/No	Subject to Redemption	Aggregate Principal Amount	Net Proceeds	OID Status
	Interest Rate Per Annum ¹				Frequency	First Payment			Date and terms of redemption			
78490FZE2	N/A	09/15/2009	100%	0.500%	Monthly ⁴	09/15/06	No	No		11,706,000	11,647,470.00	N
Floating Rate Index					Spread	Reset Period⁴	Accrual Method			Maximum Interest Rate	Minimum Interest Rate	
*CPI					2.150%	Monthly	Actual/Actual (Payment Basis)			N/A	0.000%	

As of September 12, 2005 ABN AMRO Financial Services, Inc. changed its name to LaSalle Financial Services, Inc. Consequently, all references to "ABN AMRO Financial Services, Inc." in the prospectus are amended to read "LaSalle Financial Services, Inc."

Effective June 30, 2005, Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc. was added as a selling agent under the SLM EdNotes program.

- * During the initial interest period which is from the Issue Date to but not including 09/15/2006, the interest rate will be 6.32%, then the Consumer Price Index (CPI) plus 2.15% thereafter.
- ¹ The interest rates on the Ed Notes may be changed by SLM Corporation from time to time, but any such change will not affect the interest rate on any Ed Notes offered prior to the effective date of the change.
- ² Expressed as a percentage of aggregate principal amount.
- ³ See "Supplemental Plan of Distribution" in the Prospectus supplement for additional information concerning price to public and underwriting compensation.
- ⁴ On the interest Determination Date, which is on the 15th day of each month during the terms of the notes beginning on 09/15/2006, the Calculation Agent will establish the new rate as described on page S-16 in the prospectus supplements.