

SLM CORP
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**Pricing Supplement No. 5 dated _____, 2002
 (to Prospectus dated September 13, 2002
 and Prospectus Supplement dated September 13, 2002)**

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SLM CORPORATION

Medium Term Notes, Series A
 Due 9 Months or Longer From the Date of Issue

Principal Amount: \$_____ Floating Rate Notes: Fixed Rate Notes:

Original Issue Date: _____, 2002 Closing Date: _____, 2002 CUSIP Number: 78442F ____

Maturity Date: _____, 20__ Option to Extend Maturity: No Yes Specified Currency: U.S. Dollars
 If Yes, Final Maturity Date: _____

Redeemable at the option of the Company: No Yes Redemption Price: _____ Not Applicable.

Repayment at the option of the Holder: No Yes Redemption Price: _____ Not Applicable.

Applicable to Fixed Rate Notes Only:

Interest Rate: ____% Interest Payment Dates: Each _____ and _____ during the term of the Notes, subject to adjustment in accordance with the following business day convention, beginning _____, 20__.

Interest Accrual Method: 30/360 Interest Periods: From and including the Closing Date, or each _____ or _____, as the case may be, to and including the next succeeding _____ or _____, as the case may be, with no adjustment to period end dates for accrual purposes.

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We are offering these securities ultimately to purchasers of pass-through certificates of Core Investment Grade Bond Trust I being offered simultaneously with these Notes through Core Bond Products LLC, as depositor of Core Investment Grade Bond Trust I, utilizing the services of Banc of America Securities LLC and J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. as our agents. Each of Banc of America Securities LLC and J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. is a statutory underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933.

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Issue Price: _____%.

Agents' Commission: _____%.

Net Proceeds: \$_____.

Form: Book-entry through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company.

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

CUSIP: 78442F _____.

ISIN: US78442F _____.

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

Current Ratings: Moody's: A2

S&P: A

We have authorized each of Banc of America Securities LLC and J.P. Morgan Securities Inc, as the placement agents, to deliver a copy of this pricing supplement and the attached prospectus supplement and prospectus relating to the Notes offered hereby to purchasers of Core Investment Grade Bond Trust I's pass-through certificates. This pricing supplement and the attached prospectus supplement and prospectus relate only to us and the Notes and do not relate to the trust or the pass-through trust certificates. You should only rely on this pricing supplement and the attached prospectus supplement and prospectus for a description of our company and the Notes.

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