



Following the successful completion of Tower Group, Inc.'s initial public offering, Tower Insurance Company of New York's policyholder surplus rose to \$126 million. A. M. Best had recognized this with an increase in our Best's Rating from B++ (Very Good) to A- (Excellent) as of October 26th 2004.

This week, A. M. Best has published the updated Financial Size Category (FSC) for TICNY at "VIII". This category indicates a surplus between \$100-\$250 million. You will see TICNY's current rating and size category of **A- / VIII** on the Best's Rating Center website: <http://www3.ambest.com/ratings/FullProfile.asp?BI=0&AMB=11356&AltSrc=1&AltNum=&URATINGID=1219931> .

Thank you for your continuing support in 2005. We look forward to providing you and your insureds with our recognized stability, experience and leadership in the commercial and personal lines marketplace.