

VAN KAMPEN MUNICIPAL OPPORTUNITY TRUST
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Goff Phillip G</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>1 PARKVIEW PLAZA,Â VAN KAMPEN</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>OAKBROOK TERRACE,Â ILÂ 60181</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>08/11/2005</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>VAN KAMPEN MUNICIPAL OPPORTUNITY TRUST [VMO]</p> <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Chief Financial Officer</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| None | 0 | D | Â |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | | Title | | | |

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| Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Goff Phillip G 1 PARKVIEW PLAZA VAN KAMPEN OAKBROOK TERRACE, IL 60181 | Â | Â | Â Chief Financial Officer | Â |

Signatures

/s/ Phillip G. 08/23/2005
Goff

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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