Summary: Heath, Texas; General Obligation Oct 10

Description: Abstract
Standard & Poor's Ratings Services assigned its 'AA' long-term rating, and stable outlook, to Heath, Texas' series 2010 general obligation (GO) refunding bonds and affirmed its 'AA' underlying rating (SPUR), with a stable outlook, on the city's existing GO debt. The rating reflects our opinion of the city's: Primarily residential nature with access to the broad and diverse Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan statistical area (MSA); Very strong wealth and income levels; and Strong financial performance, evidenced by healthy reserves and good financial management policies. The city's moderately high debt levels offset, in part, our opinion of these credit strengths. The city's ad valorem property tax pledge secures the bonds. Officials plan to use bond proceeds to refinance the city's series 2001...

Companies mentioned in this report are:
- Heath

Action: Affirmed
Action: New Rating
Action: Outlook: Stable

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