Summary: Heartland Community College District No. 540, Illinois; General Obligation Aug 12

Description:
Abstract
Standard & Poor's Ratings Services assigned its 'AA' long-term rating and stable outlook to Heartland Community College District No. 540, Ill.'s series 2012A debt certificates. We also affirmed our 'AA+' rating on the district's outstanding GO community college bonds and 'AA' rating on the district's outstanding debt certificates. The 'AA+' GO rating reflects our assessment of the district's: Participation in the diverse Bloomington-Normal economy; Good wealth and income levels; Positive financial operations with low state dependence and very strong reserves; and Moderate overall debt burden. The district's debt certificates are rated one notch below the GO debt rating to reflect the limited nature of the security. The certificates are secured by the district's pledge to pay debt service from legally...

Companies mentioned in this report are:
- Heartland Comnty Coll Dist #540

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

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