Summary: Heartland Community College District No. 540, Illinois; General Obligation Aug 11

Description:
Abstract
Standard & Poor’s Ratings Services has assigned its ‘AA’ long-term rating and stable outlook to Heartland Community College District No. 540, Ill.’s series 2011 general obligation (GO) debt certificates. Standard & Poor’s also affirmed its ‘AA+’ rating on the district’s community college unlimited-tax GO bonds and ‘AA’ rating on the district’s prior debt certificates. The rating on the certificates is one notch below the district’s unlimited-tax GO bond rating due to the limited nature of the certificates’ security. 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 strong reserves; and Moderate overall debt burden. The certificates are payable from the district’s legally available funds....

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

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

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