



**City of Houston**

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### **City's Airport System Refinancing Generates Over \$50 Million in Savings**

On Tuesday, March 6, 2012, the City of Houston garnered more than \$50 million in savings as a result of refinancing \$548 million of Houston Airport System debt. The City took advantage of favorable interest rates which continue to be at historic lows. Of note is that the bonds were refinanced without extending the period of indebtedness. Morgan Stanley served as the lead bank on the transaction.

"Rated A by S&P and A+ by Fitch, the Houston Airport System is a strong credit, as evidenced by \$2 billion in orders being placed for a little over \$500 million in bonds," says Houston City Controller Ronald Green. "The Airport's pre-marketing efforts, which included an electronic investor road show, certainly paid off with a significant number of orders being placed in every maturity by a broad range of investors. This strong investor demand allowed the Airport System to re-price at lower yields and lock in the extremely low overall interest rate of 4.09 percent," says Green.

"Given the increasing fluidity in the market, we are constantly monitoring rates to identify refunding opportunities to generate savings for the City," says Green.

During Green's first two-year term as City Controller, the office's municipal bond refinancing has saved the City over \$150 million without extending the term of the debt.

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*Ronald C. Green was elected Houston City Controller in December 2009, after serving three terms as a Council Member At Large on Houston's City Council where he also served as Chair of the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee. He was unopposed for his second term as Controller. Green earned both a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Houston, as well as a law degree from Texas Southern University's Thurgood Marshall School of Law.*