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## **Grey House Publishing announces the Spring 2012 Edition of *Weiss Ratings Guide to Property and Casualty Insurers***

Grey House Publishing is proud to announce the publication of the Spring 2012 Edition of *Weiss Ratings Guide to Property and Casualty Insurers*.

All of Weiss Ratings Guides are published quarterly, utilize an easy-to-use, A-F rating system (similar to school grading systems), and contain more comprehensive and up-to-date ratings than any of their competitors. This Spring 2012 edition of *Weiss Ratings Guide to Property and Casualty Insurers* delivers Safety Ratings and supporting analyses on more than 2,400 U.S. insurance companies, offering auto & homeowners insurance, business insurance, worker's compensation insurance, product liability insurance, medical malpractice and other professional liability insurance.

*Weiss Ratings Guide to Property and Casualty Insurers* is divided into seven sections, in addition to an introductory section and a thorough Appendix. Inside the front cover of the book are definitions of each letter grade, this explanation is useful for quick-reference as the user is researching companies in the Guide.

The introductory section begins by welcoming the user and defining the Guide's mission statement. Then follows a "How To Use This Guide" orientation to the book. The final components of this section are an explanation of the Financial Strength Ratings used in the book and a page of important warnings and cautions for the user to take into account when evaluating property and casualty insurance providers.

Section I, **Index of Companies**, is comprised of an alphabetical listing of all rated and unrated U.S. Property and Casualty Insurers, containing key rating factors and performance measures for all insurers. An explanation of each of the footnotes and stability factors appears at the end of this section.

Section II, **Analysis of Largest Companies** contains rating factors, historical data and general information on each of the 450 largest property and casualty insurers in the U.S that have the most recent quarterly financial information available. These summaries are made up of several components and also contain graphs and charts to assist the user in understanding the data. Components of the analyses include: Financial Strength Rating, Major Rating Factors, Principal Business and Principal Investments. Complete contact information is also listed.

Sections III, IV and V deal with **Recommended Companies**. These are U.S. property and casualty insurers that have been awarded a Financial Strength Rating between A+ and B+. Section III lists the companies alphabetically and includes complete contact information with ratings. Section IV ranks companies by Financial Strength Rating in each line of business where they have received more than \$1 million in direct premiums. Section V organizes them by state (companies are listed in each state in which they are licensed to do business) and listings include Domicile State and Total Assets.

Section VI contains a list of all rated and unrated property and casualty insurers. Companies are ranked by **Financial Strength Rating**, and then listed alphabetically within each rating category.

Section VII, **Rating Upgrades and Downgrades**, identifies those companies receiving a rating change since the previous edition of this publication. Each listing has a brief summary of the change and reason for the change. The last section of this Guide is an Appendix containing: State Guaranty Associations, State Contact Information, Risk-Adjusted Capital, Recent Industry Failures and a Glossary of the most important terms used throughout the publication.

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