

Hughes to Offer Telecommunications Services and Solutions to Federal Agencies through Level 3 Communications GSA EIS Contract

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As a partner to Level 3, Hughes will provide full suite of HughesON™ Solutions to help agencies transform their legacy networks

GERMANTOWN, Md., Oct. 17, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- [Hughes Network Systems, LLC](#) (HUGHES), a leading provider of managed network services, announced that its telecommunications products and services will be offered under the General Service Administration's (GSA) Enterprise Infrastructure Solutions (EIS) contract through the award to Level 3 Communications. As a sub-contractor to Level 3, Hughes is offering the comprehensive suite of HughesON™ Managed Network Services for multi-site agencies and departments.



"Under the EIS contract, Level 3 and Hughes will deliver a wide scope of network modernization solutions," said Mike Cook, executive vice president at Hughes. "HughesON managed services leverage the best available low-cost transport options such as cable, fiber, 4G and satellite – all managed and optimized to deliver agencies the cost-effective bandwidth, cloud access and availability they need to succeed in their missions. Hughes can also help agencies tackle other challenges, such as the need to manage numerous regional service contracts, by offering agencies one trusted provider for all of their locations."

The portfolio of HughesON managed services can help agencies meet modernization challenges head-on with substantial benefits such as cloud readiness and high network and application performance and availability. By introducing managed broadband in conjunction with existing MPLS infrastructure, agencies can realize immediate benefits in the form of a "hybrid" wide area network (WAN). HughesON includes a compelling managed SD-WAN solution with innovative broadband optimization tools known as ActiveTechnologies™.

"Level 3 and Hughes are two major industry innovators in network services and technology," said David Young, regional vice president, Government Markets Group, Level 3. "Our team can deliver the bandwidth, security and cost savings all the way to the network edge, which is a key requirement for agencies right now. We're on the doorstep of effectively closing the digital divide for government agencies, which means public service missions will be streamlined for success regardless of location or region."

EIS is a 15-year comprehensive solution-based vehicle designed to address all aspects of federal agency information technology telecommunications and infrastructure requirements. It is the first major contract to be implemented under the GSA Network Services 2020 (NS2020) strategy.

About Hughes Network Systems

Hughes Network Systems, LLC (HUGHES) is the global leader in broadband satellite technology and services for home and office. Its flagship high-speed satellite Internet service is HughesNet®, the world's largest satellite network with over 1 million residential and business customers across North America and Brazil. For large enterprises and governments, the company's HughesON® managed network services provide complete connectivity solutions employing an optimized mix of satellite and terrestrial technologies. The JUPITER™ System is the world's most widely deployed High-Throughput Satellite (HTS) platform, operating on more than 20 satellites by leading service providers, delivering a wide range of broadband enterprise, mobility and cellular backhaul applications. To date, Hughes has shipped more than 6 million terminals to customers in over 100 countries, representing approximately 50 percent market share, and its technology is powering broadband services to aircraft around the world.

Headquartered outside Washington, D.C., in Germantown, Maryland, USA, Hughes operates sales and support offices worldwide, and is a wholly owned subsidiary of EchoStar Corporation (NASDAQ: SATS), a premier global provider of satellite operations. For additional information about Hughes, please visit www.hughes.com and follow [@Hughes_Corp](#) on Twitter.

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