

## **Hughes Awarded Contract to Provide Managed Network Services for State Agencies Throughout Oklahoma**

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### **Company Offers Full Suite of Secure HughesON Managed Services for Agency Wide Area Networks Including Broadband Satellite Service for Rural Offices**

GERMANTOWN, Md., Dec. 3, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- [Hughes Network Systems, LLC](#) (HUGHES), the global leader in broadband satellite networks and services, today announced it has been awarded an IDIQ contract by the Oklahoma Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES) to deliver HughesON™ Managed Network Services including High-Throughput Satellite (HTS) connectivity for state agencies. The contract authorizes Hughes to work with Oklahoma's 130+ state agencies and affiliated organizations -- including counties, cities, school districts and hospitals -- to optimize networks to meet agency and constituents' needs throughout the state.



"Across the country, government agencies are now completely dependent upon network delivered applications to meet constituent needs – whether through cloud platforms like Office365 or accessing public record storage in state data centers," said Tony Bardo, assistant vice president of government solutions at Hughes. "Our HughesON solutions will take Oklahoma's agencies to the next level of network performance and availability, employing a cost-effective mix of wireline, wireless and satellite broadband technologies across all locations—and all under a comprehensive managed services agreement with a trusted partner."

HughesON Managed Network Services include the award-winning Software Defined Wide Area Network (SD-WAN) solution, managed security packages, Wi-Fi and Voice over IP (VoIP), all with 99.99% network availability, 24 x 7 network monitoring and security operations support. With Hughes managing these services, agencies can incorporate best-of-breed connectivity at each site to achieve mission objectives, enabling them to focus on meeting constituents' needs.

Under the contract vehicle, state and local agencies in Oklahoma can select from a range of broadband solutions for each location, including those which lack adequate wireline connectivity. For example, the Hughes HTS satellite service offers 25 Mbps download speeds across the state and can be used to connect dispersed sites such as park offices, environmental stations or other facilities that may be limited by slow DSL and MPLS services – or have no wireline services at all.

"Our HTS service offering is ideal for Oklahoma with its large swaths of rural areas and low population density," Bardo added. "With few or no wireline service offerings in many of these areas across the state, satellite delivers the high speeds required to meet bandwidth demands. We applaud the state for taking a progressive approach to connecting their government offices so they can meet their missions effectively."

For more information on Hughes government solutions, visit <http://government.hughes.com/>

#### **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 1.3 million residential and business customers across North and South America. 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 7 million terminals of all types 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](http://www.hughes.com) and follow [@HughesConnects](#) on Twitter.

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