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Hughes Selected as a Recipient of The Gazette of Politics and Business' Fifth Annual Exceptional 53 Business Awards

Hughes Recognized for its Satellite Internet Innovations and Community Service

GERMANTOWN, Md., Oct. 26, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Hughes Network Systems, LLC (Hughes), the global leader in broadband satellite solutions and services, is proud to announce that it was selected as one of *The Gazette of Politics and Business'* Exceptional 53 Maryland companies, which recognizes businesses and organizations in Maryland based on criteria including product or service innovations, community service and being a "great place to work."

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Hughes was recognized for its innovations, particularly the launch of [HughesNet® Gen4](#), its new high-capacity satellite Internet service, and for its involvement with numerous community service programs including American Heart Walk, Disaster Relief through the American Red Cross, Relay for Life, Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington and contributions to many other local, national and global organizations.

"To make the 53 list is a great accomplishment," said Trina Lapier, publisher of *The Gazette P&B*. "This year's list features companies from the state of Maryland that have had success in a wide variety of fields, and each company deserved recognition of their accomplishments."

"Hughes is honored to be recognized once more as one of Maryland's Exceptional 53," said Pradman Kaul, president and CEO of Hughes. "Our success as the global leader in broadband satellite networks is all because of our people and our company's culture — which is to make Hughes a great place to work and to make a difference in our community."

The fifth annual awards ceremony was held on Thursday, October 25th at the Hilton Hotel in Gaithersburg, Maryland and was sponsored by Montgomery College, Montgomery County Commuter Services, Rockville Economic Development, Inc. and Hughes. Hughes will be profiled in a special section as part of the Friday, October 26th, 2012 edition of *The Gazette of Politics and Business*.

About the Gazette

The Gazette of Politics & Business publishes weekly, reaching over 20,000 business owners and politically savvy subscribers. The newspaper focuses on the business and political news of the state of Maryland and is commonly recognized as the leading newspaper covering political activities at the state capital. *The Gazette of Politics & Business* is the state's "must read" newspaper for news about the business and political affairs in the state. *The Gazette of Politics & Business* is owned and published by the well-known suburban Maryland top-rated *Gazette Newspaper* that distributes community newspapers in more than 50 communities in Montgomery, Frederick and Prince George's counties in Maryland. Boasting a readership as high as 90 percent, *The Gazette* publications reach about 1.5 million readers. Part of the Community Newspaper Group of Post-Newsweek Media Inc., a division of The Washington Post Company, *The Gazette* has been publishing weekly newspapers in the Maryland suburbs since 1959.

About Hughes Network Systems

Hughes Network Systems, LLC (Hughes) is the world's leading provider of satellite broadband for home and office, delivering innovative network technologies, managed services and solutions for enterprises and governments globally. HughesNet is the #1 high-speed satellite Internet service in the marketplace, with offerings to suit every budget. To date, Hughes has shipped more than 2.8 million systems to customers in over 100 countries, representing over 50 percent market share. Its products employ global standards approved by the TIA, ETSI and ITU organizations, including IPoS/DVB-S2, RSM-A, and GMR-1.

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 and digital TV solutions. For additional information about Hughes, please visit www.hughes.com.

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