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High-Performance Broadband Internet Plans for Government Added to Hughes GSA Schedule

Cost-effective Access Available Nationwide, Powered by Next Generation EchoStar XVII Satellite with JUPITER™ Technology

GERMANTOWN, Md., March 18, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Hughes Network Systems, LLC (HUGHES), the global leader in broadband satellite solutions and services, today announced that its next generation satellite broadband Internet plans have been added to its U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Schedule 70 #[GS-35F-0907P](#). Available to federal, state, and local government customers across the U.S., and providing speeds up to 15 Mbps, the three plans are ideal in areas where terrestrial Internet connections are unavailable, too slow, or cost-prohibitive.

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"Government agencies depend on the Internet to conduct and back up their mission-critical operations, yet many — particularly those in remote locations — have been unable to purchase cost-effective, high-speed Internet solutions," said Tony Bardo, assistant vice president for government solutions at Hughes. "That ends today with the addition of Hughes high-capacity, next generation Internet plans to our GSA Schedule. Now, every federal, state, and local government agency across the U.S. has access to affordable broadband Internet connectivity for both their primary and back-up needs."

Hughes Internet Access Solutions are powered by the recently launched EchoStar XVII® satellite with JUPITER™ high throughput technology—a next generation, Ka-band satellite employing a multi-spot beam, bent-pipe architecture—delivering the industry's fastest satellite Internet speeds.

The plans offer download speeds of 10 Mbps or 15 Mbps and a choice of generous data allowances tailored to the needs of the government. All three tiers come with Hughes enterprise-grade equipment and are backed by Hughes service and support.

For additional information, please visit government.hughes.com.

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 3.3 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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