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## **Hughes Awarded CS2 Task Order to Provide Satellite Broadband Solutions and Services to the Government Education and Training Network**

### **Company to Enable Distance Learning Programs for 8 Federal Government Agencies**

GERMANTOWN, Md., March 3, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- Hughes Network Systems, LLC (HUGHES), the global leader in broadband satellite solutions and services, announced today that it has been awarded a task order by the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) in support of the [Government Education and Training Network](#) (GETN) to provide commercial satellite communications (COMSATCOM) end-to-end solutions to enable the network's distance learning capabilities. GETN is a network of 8 federal agencies, including U.S. Department of Defense, Executive Branch agencies and Federal Judiciary agencies that share satellite technology, facilities, and distance learning programs. The task order, awarded through GSA's Custom Satellite Communication Solutions (CS2) contract vehicle, is for a term of four and one half years including the base and option years.



The task order win marks the second GETN award for Hughes, following the first order in December 2007 under the GSA's SATCOM II vehicle to provide broadband satellite solutions and services.

"Hughes is honored to be selected a second time to support GETN in enabling distance learning capabilities for federal agencies," said Tony Bardo, assistant vice president of Government Solutions at Hughes. "With federal agency budgets stretched so thin, distance learning is especially in demand, and its well understood that satellite technology is a cost-effective approach to delivering reliable, high capacity network services."

Under the task order, Hughes will provide a one-way video and two-way audio network for GETN users via broadband satellite. Specifically, Hughes will provide:

- Satellite capacity
- Project management
- COMSATCOM engineering system design, configuration, installation, implementation and training
- Maintenance and operational support
- Helpdesk support

Digital video and audio training programs will be broadcast to students located across the 50 states and the Caribbean via a geosynchronous satellite, with return channels from these sites enabling students to interact and communicate with the instructor. Hughes will ensure cost savings by consolidating bandwidth for the GETN community based on historical usage data estimates, and enable agency users to share programming over the same satellite space segment.

#### **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<sup>®</sup> 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](http://www.hughes.com).

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