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## **Hughes Named a Finalist in 2015 American Business Awards for HughesNet Partnership with 4-H**

### **Partnership focuses on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Education**

GERMANTOWN, Md., May 19, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- [Hughes Network Systems](#), LLC (HUGHES), the global leader in broadband satellite solutions and services, was named a finalist in the corporate social responsibility category of the 2015 American Business Awards (ABA). The company was nominated for its partnership between HughesNet<sup>®</sup>, the nation's leading high-speed satellite Internet service, and 4-H to promote interest in STEM education via local, regional and national campaigns to help get America's youth involved in science and technology activities.



The ABA is considered the nation's preeminent business awards program. All organizations operating in the U.S. are eligible to submit nominations—public and private, for-profit and non-profit, large and small. Hughes is competing in the category for organizations of up to 2,500 employees, to be chosen as a winner of either a Gold, Silver or Bronze Stevie<sup>®</sup> Award.

"This is great recognition for a program that has already reached so many young people all over the country," said Mike Cook, senior vice president, North America Division at Hughes. "Our Hughes and 4-H team has put a lot of effort into making this collaboration successful, and the kind of rewarding hands-on learning it provides for our youth is surely one of the best ways to cultivate their interest in STEM education."

"We are proud of our partnership and the innovative ways HughesNet and 4-H are sparking enthusiasm for science among young people in communities across America," said Jennifer Sirangelo, president and CEO, National 4-H Council. "It's exciting to see the nation's largest youth development organization and the world's leading provider of satellite broadband for home and office working together to inspire the next generation of innovators and leaders in STEM."

More than 3,300 nominations from organizations of all sizes and in virtually every industry were submitted this year. Finalists were chosen by scores of business professionals nationwide during first-round judging in April and May, and several specialized judging committees will determine Stevie Award placements from among them later this month.

The American Business Awards will be presented at two events; the ABA's traditional banquet on Monday, June 22 in Chicago, and the new product and technology awards event on Friday, September 11 in San Francisco.

### **About the Stevie Awards**

Stevie Awards are conferred in six programs: the American Business Awards; the International Business Awards; the Asia-Pacific Awards; the German Stevie Awards; the Stevie Awards for Women in Business; and the Stevie Awards for Sales & Customer Service. Stevie Awards programs receive more than 10,000 nominations from organizations in more than 60 nations each year. Learn more about the Stevie Awards at [www.StevieAwards.com](http://www.StevieAwards.com). Sponsors and partners of the 2015 American Business Awards include BizTalk Radio, CallidusCloud, Engility, Fareportal, John Hancock, PetRays, and Softpro.

### **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 4 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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