



EchoStar Meets Highest Department of Defense Security Requirements for Satellite Services

ENGLEWOOD, CO -- (MARKET WIRE) -- 12/07/10 -- EchoStar Satellite Services L.L.C., a subsidiary of EchoStar Corporation (NASDAQ: SATS), today announced that the company was recently rated compliant with the Department of Defense (DoD) Mission Assurance Category (MAC) I and Confidentiality Level (CL) Sensitive Information Assurance (IA) security requirements for commercial satellite communications services.

The rating, which resulted from an extensive independent audit of EchoStar's IA posture as conducted by CapRock Government Solutions, shows EchoStar to be compliant with the most stringent requirements for mission assurance as measured against the Defense Information Systems Agency's (DISA) criteria for assessing the security posture of commercial satellite offerings to DoD customers.

"This independent validation, facilitated by CapRock, reflects compliance at the most stringent levels, giving EchoStar the ability to bid on all federal satcom projects," said Rick Mortellaro, senior vice president of EchoStar Satellite Services. "EchoStar is one of the leading U.S.-based providers of satellite services, with 10 satellites in operation and redundant uplink facilities."

"CapRock and EchoStar are fully committed to Information Assurance as a critical deliverable to our customers and as a principal enabler of both assured communications and mission assurance," said CapRock Government Solutions Director of Information Assurance Bill Janosky. "Our success in implementing and documenting a robust IA posture was principally fostered by EchoStar's solid grounding in the best engineering and operations practices at their facilities and within their infrastructure."

IA is the practice of managing risks related to the use, processing, storage, and transmission of information and the systems and processes used for those purposes. The emphasis on IA in both military and civilian federal procurements is in keeping with national security policies requiring security measures to protect government networks and data.

A subsidiary of Harris Corporation, CapRock provides global managed communications services to government clients and delivers solutions to DoD, Intelligence Community, national security programs and other federal agency users that consistently meet or exceed IA requirements.

About EchoStar Satellite Services

EchoStar Satellite Services L.L.C. is a subsidiary of EchoStar Corporation (NASDAQ: SATS) and provides a reliable network available for aggregation and distribution of video, audio and data domestically and internationally. EchoStar also offers the ViP-TV platform providing IPTV solutions. EchoStar represents a significant source of Ku-band and Ka-band satellite capacity and spacecraft operation services with access to 10 satellites, ground-based teleport facilities, and 24-hour Satellite Access Centers. For more information, visit www.echostarsatelliteservices.com.

About CapRock Government Solutions

CapRock Government Solutions is recognized as a trusted and innovative specialty telecommunications and IT solutions partner for defense, intelligence and government organizations. As a division of global communications provider, CapRock Communications, the company's total assets include a self-owned and operated infrastructure of four international teleports, four 24x7 network operations centers, service on more than 60 satellites and over 700 employees deployed around the globe. With over 29 years of service to its industry customers in over 120 countries, CapRock is the world's largest provider of fully managed VSAT services to extreme environments. Presently, the Government team supports more than thirty government agency customers and thousands of associated end-users. For more information, visit www.caprock.com.

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