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Hughes Wins Silver Award in 2015 Best in Biz Competition

Recognized for overall company achievements and in helping close the digital divide with satellite communications services and technology

GERMANTOWN, Md., Dec. 2, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- [Hughes Network Systems](#), LLC (Hughes), the global leader in broadband satellite solutions and services, today announced that it has received a silver award as one of the top North American companies in the 2015 Best in Biz Company of the Year Competition.



The Company of the Year award recognizes companies for achievements and excellence over the preceding year. A panel of journalists and industry analysts chose Hughes for its work in bridging the digital divide between emerging and developed economies and for its partnership with 4-H to promote STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education, among other accomplishments. Hughes won in the category of companies with more than 1,000 employees, which includes companies such as Symantec, Hilton and Dell Computer.

"The Company of the Year award focuses on non-traditional metrics to judge a company's impact on its industry and community," said Pradman Kaul, president of Hughes. "We are honored that journalists and analysts with broader knowledge of company best practices have recognized Hughes efforts to be a responsible corporate citizen along with its business success."

Hughes pioneered satellite Internet access and is the world's leading provider of technology and broadband services to customers in over 100 countries on five continents, connecting enterprises, governments and consumers to the digital economy. Earlier this year, Hughes announced a partnership with OneWeb and other major players to support the goal of closing the digital divide by bringing affordable broadband satellite services to millions of households, schools and organizations around the world.

2015 also saw Hughes continue its partnership with 4-H to introduce more American youth to hands-on, community-based STEM learning. Together, they have conducted several national programs to spark interest in STEM. Among them was National Youth Science Day (NYSD), the world's largest youth-led science experiment. Additional programs included "Tech Takeover Days" at several local 4-H camps, "Inspire a Future Scientist" online video contest and programs for National Engineering Week.

Now in its fifth year, Best in Biz Awards honors companies, teams, executives and products for their business success in the current and previous year. Best in Biz Awards is unique, as it is the only independent business awards program judged by members of the press and industry analysts. For more information, visit <http://www.bestinbizawards.com/>

About Hughes Network Systems

Hughes Network Systems, LLC (Hughes) is the global leader in satellite broadband for home and office, delivering innovative solutions and a comprehensive suite of HughesON™ managed services for enterprises and governments worldwide.

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 5 million systems to customers in over 100 countries, representing approximately 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.

About EchoStar

EchoStar Corporation (NASDAQ: SATS) is a premier global provider of satellite and video delivery solutions. Headquartered in

Englewood, Colo., and conducting business around the globe, EchoStar is a pioneer in secure communications technologies through its EchoStar Satellite Services, EchoStar Technologies Corporation and Hughes Network Systems business segments.

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