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Hughes Providing U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration with HughesON™ Managed Network Services

Hughes equipping agency with fixed and deployable broadband satellite terminals for remote connectivity

GERMANTOWN, Md., Feb. 16, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- Hughes Network Systems, LLC (HUGHES), the global leader in broadband satellite solutions and services, announced today that it has completed implementation of a managed enterprise network for the U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA). The program is delivering remote connectivity to MSHA Mine Emergency Operation's (MEO's) vehicles and facilities across the country, further enhancing the agency's broadband capacity and communications infrastructure. The contract has a ceiling value of approximately \$1.36 million over the course of one year plus four option years.



"As the world's leading satellite broadband provider, Hughes is in a unique position to satisfy MSHA's enterprise network requirements, especially as it relates to mobile and remote connectivity solutions," said Tony Bardo, assistant vice president of Government Solutions at Hughes. "The equipment and services under our HughesON™ suite of managed services will greatly increase the mobility of MSHA's personnel and help facilitate their mission to improve the safety of our nation's mines."

Under the program, Hughes is providing point-to-point satellite links for mobile site-to-site communications that satisfies low latency requirements for MSHA's high-priority network traffic/applications. In addition, Hughes is providing access through an enterprise network comprised of point-to-point connections between the IP Gateway at the Hughes Network Operations Center and MSHA's data center. This solution delivers MSHA its requisite Internet connection speeds (3,072Kbps down/1,024 Kbps up), allowing it to deploy small private networks more economically and eliminating the need for a backhaul.

Other contracted deliverables provided by Hughes include:

- | Project planning and implementation scheduling
- | Coordination of overall site installation process
- | Implementation of site maintenance plan
- | Reporting and project status reviews
- | Ongoing operations and support management

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