

Hughes Receives a 2014 Communications Solutions Product of the Year Award by TMC

HR4x00 Branch Gateway honored for branch networking security and performance innovations

GERMANTOWN, Md., Aug. 4, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- Hughes Network Systems, LLC (HUGHES), the global leader in broadband satellite solutions and services, and a leading provider of managed network services, today announced that TMC, a global, integrated media company, has awarded it a 2014 Communications Solutions Product of the Year Award for its HR4x00 Branch Gateway.



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The HR4x00 Branch Gateway series is a family of customer premises platforms that delivers new levels of functionality and price/performance to distributed networks such as retail, restaurant, retail petroleum, and hospitality as well as multi-site government agencies. The Branch Gateway family comprises the HR4700, ideal for large enterprises with complex branch requirements, and the HR4400, ideal for smaller branch sites such as franchises in the retail petroleum and Quick Service Restaurant (QSR) markets.

The <u>HR4x00</u> integrates best-in-class security from <u>Fortinet</u>, Hughes innovative performance optimization technology (<u>ActiveQoS[™]</u> and <u>ActiveCompression</u> [™]), and routing in a single device. It is the enabling platform for the HughesON[™] suite of Managed Network Solutions, delivering high performance, strong security, reliability, and bandwidth scalability—all using affordable broadband. Enterprises leverage HughesON to either replace a primary wide area network, such as MPLS, or to enhance an existing network, in order to quickly and easily add bandwidth, reliability, and strong security for new cloud-based and mobile applications.

As enterprise branch requirements have grown in complexity, so have the security challenges and the need for better access to cloud services. To help meet these challenges, Hughes recently added new Virtual Domain (VDOM) technology. With this new VDOM capability, enterprises can easily segment the Branch Gateway into multiple virtual devices with completely separate firewalls, routing, and VPNs, saving money and streamlining operations. Hughes also recently enhanced its ActiveQoS technology to better accelerate cloud applications and 4G access.

"Congratulations to Hughes for receiving a 2014 Communications Solutions Product of the Year Award," said Rich Tehrani, CEO, TMC. "The HR4x00 Branch Gateways have demonstrated true innovation and are amongst the best solutions that facilitate voice, data and video communications brought to market in the past twelve months. I look forward to continued excellence from Hughes in 2014 and beyond."

"We are very pleased by TMC's recognition of the HR4x00 Branch Gateways, which has had great market success in meeting the strategic requirements of distributed enterprises," said Sampath Ramaswami, senior director of Strategic Planning at Hughes. "With the growth of cloud applications and mobile requirements at remote branch locations, the need to access the Internet securely and with high performance has increased dramatically. Whether it is to support WiFi, mobile devices, Point-of-Sales (POS), or VoIP, our Branch Gateways are ideal for enterprises looking to quickly and easily deploy these applications with state-of-the-art security and performance while lowering costs and streamlining operations."

TMC announced the 2014 Communications Solutions Product of the Year Award winners via a press release.

About TMC

TMC is a global, integrated media company that helps clients build communities in print, in person, and online. TMC publishes multiple magazines including <u>CUSTOMER</u>, <u>INTERNET TELEPHONY</u>, <u>M2M Evolution</u>, and <u>Cloud Computing</u>. TMCnet is read by more than 1.5 million unique visitors each month, and is the leading source of news and articles for the communications and technology industries. TMC is also the producer of <u>ITEXPO</u>, the world's leading B2B communications event, as well as industry events: <u>M2M Evolution</u>; <u>Cloud4SMB Expo</u>; <u>DevCon5</u>; <u>HTML5 Summit</u>; <u>Super Wi-Fi Summit</u>, <u>CVx</u>; <u>AstriCon</u>; <u>StartupCamp</u>, and more. Visit <u>TMC Events</u> for a complete listing and further information.

For more information about TMC, visit www.tmcnet.com.

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