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## Hughes Wins Best New Product Honors from Network Products Guide

### HughesON Suite of Managed Network Services Wins Bronze in IT Industry's Coveted "2014 Hot Companies and Best Products Awards"

GERMANTOWN, Md., Aug. 6, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- Hughes Network Systems, LLC (HUGHES), the global leader in broadband satellite solutions and services, and a leading provider of managed network services, announced that *Network Products Guide*, the industry's leading technology research and advisory guide, named HughesON™ a Bronze winner in the "9th Annual 2014 Hot Companies and Best Products Awards" in the Best New Products category. HughesON is a comprehensive suite of managed network and digital media solutions for the distributed enterprise and multi-branch government markets.



*Network Products Guide* awards are the world's premier information technology awards recognizing achievements in industry innovations. Winners from all over the world were honored in San Francisco during the ninth annual dinner and presentations in June.

IT managers are challenged by new business initiatives such as customer and employee WiFi for mobile and BYOD applications, as well as the growing need for secure high-speed access to the Internet to support emerging cloud and SaaS applications at their branch locations. HughesON meets these needs by enhancing existing networks and delivering more bandwidth, higher reliability, and stronger security at a better price/performance ratio than traditional broadband and MPLS solutions can provide.

"This recognition of HughesON by Network Products Guide is a great honor," said Mike Cook, senior vice president, North American Division at Hughes. "It further validates our unique cloud-friendly managed network solution that delivers the high performance and security multi-site organizations need today. We have gained significant traction in the retail, restaurant, and retail petroleum markets over the last year and are now rolling out HughesON, using our Branch Gateways, to the government market as well."

The enabling platform for the [HughesON](#) offering is the [HR4x00 Branch Gateway](#) family developed in partnership with [Fortinet](#). 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 HR4x00 combines state-of-the-art security from Fortinet with Hughes award-winning [ActiveQoS™](#) and [ActiveCompression™](#) performance optimization technology in a single premises device managed by Hughes. With one platform, Hughes eliminates the cost and complexity of separate routing, WAN optimization, and security devices at branch locations.

An annual achievements and recognition awards program with active participation from a broad spectrum of industry voices, the coveted annual Hot Companies and Best Products recognition program encompasses the world's best in organizational performance, products, and services, hot technologies, executive and management teams, successful deployments, product management and engineering, customer satisfaction, and public relations in every area of information technology.

#### About Network Products Guide Awards

As industry's leading technology research and advisory publication, *Network Products Guide* plays a vital role in keeping decision-makers and end-users informed of the choices they can make in all areas of information technology. You will discover a wealth of information and tools in this guide including the best products and services, roadmaps, industry directions, technology advancements, and independent product evaluations that facilitate making the most pertinent technology decisions impacting business and personal goals. The guide follows conscientious research methodologies developed and enhanced by industry experts. To learn more, visit [www.networkproductsguide.com](http://www.networkproductsguide.com).

#### 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 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, DC, 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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