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Hughes Recognized as a "Quadruple Winner" by Alliance for Workplace Excellence (AWE)

Hughes selected for 14th year as one of best places to work, and for new Diversity Award

GERMANTOWN, Md., May 6, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Hughes Network Systems, LLC (HUGHES), the global leader in broadband satellite networks and services, has been honored once again by the Alliance for Workplace Excellence (AWE) as one of the Greater Washington, D.C. area's best places to work, receiving the Workplace Excellence Seal of Approval, as well as the Health & Wellness Trailblazer Award. In addition, Hughes was one of 30 organizations recognized with the EcoLeadership Award for their commitment to environmental sustainability, and one of 18 for being a leading practitioner in diversity and inclusion. These awards will be presented to the 68 winning companies at the AWE Annual Awards Luncheon being held on May 15, 2013 at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center.

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The Alliance has recognized the best places to work for the past fourteen years, honoring organizations that promote professional fulfillment and personal wellness — at work, at home and in the community, as well as their commitment to environmental sustainability. Also launched this year, the Diversity Champion Award honors organizations that have created and maintained a diverse and inclusive culture within their organizations.

"Hughes is honored to be recognized again this year as one of the area's best places to work and to be one of only fourteen organizations to receive all four awards," said Pradman Kaul, president of Hughes. "Our employees are our most important asset, and we are committed to providing a positive and inclusive work environment with a range of wellness resources to ensure they achieve a healthy work-life balance."

Michelle Pearre, vice president of Human Resources added, "Hughes is proud to be an AWE winner since 2000. We offer a variety of health and wellness programs which we believe helps our diverse workforce be more productive and creative; and recognition of our commitment to environmental sustainability reflects many new 'green' initiatives undertaken across the company."

The 68 winning companies represent more than one million employees from organizations of all sizes and in all sectors— private, public and nonprofit.

All award recipients undergo a rigorous assessment process led by an independent review panel of professors, PhD professions and doctoral candidates in business, industrial and organizational psychology, and human resources.

About The Alliance for Workplace Excellence

The Alliance for Workplace Excellence provides a portfolio of services that allow employers to build excellent places to work. It created the Workplace Excellence and Health & Wellness Awards to highlight businesses that promote professional fulfillment and personal wellness at work, at home, and in the community. In 2009, the EcoLeadership Seal of Approval was created to recognize organizations committed to building sustainable workplaces. Launched in 2013, the Diversity Champion Award honors companies that have created and maintain a diverse and inclusive culture within their organizations.

The Alliance is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization founded by Montgomery County, Maryland, and Discovery Communications. For more information, visit <http://www.excellentworkplace.org>.

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 3.3 million systems to customers in over 100 countries, representing over 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.

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