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Hughes Awarded National Weather Service Contract

Company to Provide Satellite Back-Up Solution and Services For Mission-Critical Operational Network

GERMANTOWN, Md., June 24, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Hughes Network Systems, LLC (HUGHES), the global leader in broadband satellite solutions and services, today announced that it has been awarded a contract by the National Weather Service (NWS) to provide a satellite back-up solution for its Operational Systems Network (OPSnet). OPSnet is the primary communications system for NWS to analyze and distribute meteorological, hydrological, satellite, and radar data that is shared with Weather Forecast Offices nationwide.

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"Hughes is honored to be selected by NWS for this mission-critical solution," said Tony Bardo, assistant vice president of Government Solutions at Hughes. "Only satellite technology offers a truly diverse, back-up network path—which is essential to ensure emergency communications and Continuity of Operations (COOP) when disaster strikes. Hughes looks forward to working with NWS to strengthen the robustness and availability of its important service to America."

Under the terms of the agreement, Hughes will provide an existing network of 63 broadband satellite terminals (VSATs) with service and support to include:

- Dedicated satellite space segment to deliver inroute and outroute data throughputs of 1.5Mbps;
- A dedicated, redundant IP gateway including web acceleration services and proactive network monitoring;
- Hosting services of equipment associated with government-provided backhaul communications;
- Remote operational support for the 63 VSAT terminals on a 24/7, 365 day basis and
- Network Operations Center (NOC) access, including web or thin client access to network monitoring for the government.

Additionally, Hughes will provide maintenance, program management, and engineering services, as required.

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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