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## **Hughes a Gazette P&B 2011 Exceptional 53 Company**

*Hughes One of 53 Maryland Companies to be Honored at Bethesda Awards Ceremony*

**Germantown, Md., August 30, 2011**—Hughes Network Systems, LLC (Hughes), the global leader in broadband satellite solutions and services, is proud to announce that it has been selected as one of the Gazette Politics and Business Exceptional 53 Maryland companies. The P&B Exceptional 53 program acknowledges the top 53 businesses and organizations in Maryland based on criteria that include the recipient company's annual revenue and employee growth, as well as noteworthy product or service innovations, community service efforts, and how the companies portray themselves as "good places to work."

Cliff Chiet, publisher of The Gazette P&B, remarked, "I applaud these exceptional Maryland businesses that are consistently on the leading edge of innovation and doing their part to help the region through their pro-active community service programs. To make the Exceptional 53 list is a great accomplishment and Hughes will be profiled in a special section of the Friday, October 21, 2011 edition of *The Gazette of Politics and Business*."

Hughes was recognized for its exceptional growth during the last three years, as well as for its numerous community service programs including American Heart Walk, Disaster Relief through the American Red Cross, Relay for Life, Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, and contributions to many other local, national, and global organizations.

"Hughes is honored to be recognized once more as one of Maryland's Exceptional 53," said Pradman Kaul, chairman and CEO of Hughes. "We are proud to call Maryland our home and strongly believe that it is not only our responsibility to provide quality products and services to our customers, but also to support the Maryland community by donating our time and resources. It all results from creating an environment where our employees can achieve a healthy work-life balance."

Hughes has been recognized with the "Workplace Excellence" award each year since 2000 for its promotion of excellence in the workplace, and this year was one of 15 companies to also receive the Health & Wellness Trailblazer Award and the EcoLeadership Award.

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**About the Gazette**

The Politics and Business Gazette publishes weekly reaching over 18,000 business owners and politically savvy subscribers. The Newspaper focuses on the business and political news of the State of Maryland and is commonly recognized as the leading newspaper covering political activities at the state capital. The Politics and Business Gazette is the state's "must read" newspaper for news about the business and political affairs in the State. The Politics and Business Gazette is owned and published by the well-known Suburban Maryland top-rated Gazette Newspaper that distributes community newspapers in more than 50 communities in Montgomery, Frederick, Prince George's and Carroll counties in Maryland. Boasting a readership as high as 90 percent, Gazette publications reach about 1.5 million readers. Part of the Community Newspaper Group of Post-Newsweek Media Inc., a division of The Washington Post Company, The Gazette has been publishing weekly newspapers in the Maryland suburbs since 1959.

**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 2.5 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](http://www.hughes.com).

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