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HUGHES Awarded Statewide Satellite Broadband Internet Service Contract in South Carolina

Company to Provide High-speed Internet for State and Local Government Offices

Germantown, Maryland, June 28, 2010—Hughes Network Systems, LLC (HUGHES), the global leader in broadband satellite networks and services, today announced that it has been awarded a contract by the South Carolina Division of State Information Technology (DSIT) allowing the company to provide satellite broadband Internet service to South Carolina agencies and local governments. This Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract is for seven years.

“Hughes is proud to have this opportunity to serve South Carolina agencies and public sector entities,” said Tony Bardo, assistant vice president for government solutions at Hughes. “Available nationwide, our affordable high-speed Internet service reaches across all areas, including the estimated 44 percent of South Carolina households that are unserved or underserved by terrestrial broadband providers. Under this contract, South Carolina public sector entities—even employees with home offices or those in remote locations—can now get high-speed Internet access.”

Under the state-wide term contract (Number 5400000708-03 DSIT), Hughes may provide Lot 4 satellite Internet services to support high-speed small office and home office services. Pricing for Hughes offerings can be located on the DSIT website at the following link: <http://cio.sc.gov/productsandservices/hughesnetinternetlot4.htm>.

About Hughes Network Systems

Hughes Network Systems, LLC (HUGHES) is the global leader in providing broadband satellite networks and services for large enterprises, governments, small businesses, and consumers. HughesNet® encompasses all broadband solutions and managed services from Hughes, bridging the best of satellite and terrestrial technologies. Its broadband satellite products are based on global standards approved by the TIA, ETSI and ITU standards organizations, including IPoS/DVB-S2, RSM-A and GMR-1. To date, Hughes has shipped more than 2.2 million systems to customers in over 100 countries.

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