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## **HUGHES Selected as a Provider under New Joint GSA and DISA Commercial Satellite Communications Program Offering**

*Company to Provide Subscription Services in the U.S. via Hughes HX System and SPACEWAY® 3 Satellite, and Transponded Capacity Worldwide*

**Germantown, Maryland, October 28, 2010**—Hughes Network Systems, LLC (HUGHES), the global leader in broadband satellite networks and services, today announced that it has been selected by the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) to provide commercial satellite communications under new Schedule Item Numbers (SINs) created by the GSA and Defense Intelligence Systems Agency's (DISA) Future COMSATCOM Services Acquisition (FCSA) program. The award—only the third since the inception of the new program offering was created—modifies Hughes' existing GSA Schedule 70 contract to include SINs for subscription services and transponded capacity.

“Hughes is proud to be among the first companies awarded the opportunity to compete for government satellite requirements under the FCSA program,” said Tony Bardo, assistant vice president for government solutions at Hughes. “Satellite broadband services support critical mission requirements ranging from military and homeland security communications-on-the-move activities, to civilian and state/local government requirements for emergency preparedness, telework, back-up communications networks to support Land Mobile Radio (LMR), and remote Internet access. We are excited to begin providing Hughes subscription services throughout the U.S. utilizing our award-winning SPACEWAY 3 satellite and advanced HX System, and transponded capacity worldwide.”

Under the terms of the contract (GS-35F-0907P), Hughes may provide the following network services:

- Subscription services (SIN 132-55) to federal, state, and local government agencies within the continental United States (CONUS), which provide satellite-based Internet, voice, data, and video services; emergency response/disaster recovery voice and data networks; connectivity to the Internet via satellite services are delivered through portable satellite IP modems; and other pre-existing, pre-engineered fixed/mobile/hybrid satellite services.

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Hughes also will provide network management, monitoring, engineering, integration and operations necessary to deliver key services.

- Transponded capacity (SIN 132-54) to government agencies to include owning/operating or reselling dedicated bandwidth and power on a communications satellite in COMSATCOM frequency bands such as C-, Ku, and Ka; basic customer training, and core management and control of the transponded capacity.

The FCSA program is a comprehensive set of acquisition activities to replace expiring DISA contracts—DSTS-G and Inmarsat, as well as GSA's SATCOM-II contract.

### **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<sup>®</sup> 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 TTA, 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.

Headquartered outside Washington, D.C., in Germantown, Maryland, USA, Hughes maintains sales and support offices worldwide. Hughes is a wholly owned subsidiary of Hughes Communications, Inc. (NASDAQ: HUGH). For additional information, please visit [www.hughes.com](http://www.hughes.com).

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