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HUGHES Awarded State of New York Telecommunications Services Contract

Company to Provide Connectivity and Managed Services to Support Mission-Critical Requirements

Germantown, Maryland, December 8, 2009—Hughes Network Systems, LLC (HUGHES), the global leader in broadband satellite networks and services, today announced that it has been selected by the State of New York to provide a suite of managed services and connectivity under the Comprehensive Telecommunications Services contract, Group 77017, Award 20268. This Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract is for a term of seven years, and enables authorized users, such as statewide agencies, local governments, and eligible non-profit, educational, and charitable organizations, to purchase telecommunications services provided by Hughes.

“Hughes is proud to provide our wide range of HughesNet® satellite broadband services and managed network solutions to the authorized users in New York State,” said Tony Bardo, assistant vice president for government solutions at Hughes. “This IDIQ contract opens the door for them to readily acquire critical applications and services such as continuity of operations, homeland security, distance learning, telework, telemedicine, and more.”

Under the Comprehensive Telecommunications Services IDIQ, Hughes is able to provide the following services statewide:

- Connectivity services, including Digital Subscriber Line (xDSL), cable-based broadband and fixed wireless;
- Managed services, including access continuity and Internet access;
- Satellite services and solutions, including Very Small Aperture Terminals (VSAT), space segment and mobile satellite services;
- Equipment, installation, operations, and maintenance support.

Pricing for Hughes offerings can be located on the OGS website at the following link:
http://www.ogs.state.ny.us/purchase/prices/7701720268PL_Hughes.pdf

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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 TTA, ETSI and ITU standards organizations, including IPoS/DVB-S2, RSM-A and GMR-1. To date, Hughes has shipped more than 2.1 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.

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