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HUGHES Receives MCCC Corporate Achievement Award

ROCKVILLE, MD – The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC) will honor Hughes Network Systems, LLC (HUGHES) with The Corporate Achievement Award at its annual Business Awards Dinner on Thursday, November 20, 2014.

The Corporate Achievement Award is presented to an individual or company that has made a significant and lasting contribution to the local economy and to the community by demonstrating leadership, innovation, commitment and good corporate citizenship in Montgomery County and beyond.

“On behalf of all the employees of Hughes worldwide, I will be honored to accept this award,” said Pradman Kaul, president. “Little did the founders know that their original startup in a Rockville garage would end up a global technology and services leader—yet remain headquartered in Montgomery County for 43 years—which is a testament to the robust technology development community and high caliber of work-life balance here in Montgomery County.”

In 1971, the company was founded as Digital Communication Corp of Gaithersburg by eight alumni of Comsat Laboratories. Today, Hughes is the world’s leading provider of satellite broadband, delivering innovative network technologies, managed solutions and services for consumers, enterprises and governments globally. Hughes has shipped more than 4 million systems to customers in over 100 countries, representing approximately 50 percent market share; it became a wholly owned subsidiary of EchoStar Corporation in 2011.

With revenue exceeding $1 Billion, the company employs 1,200 in its Germantown headquarters and 1,900 worldwide. The measurement of its stellar achievement includes multiple years of recognition for workplace excellence, employee diversity and inclusion, health and wellness, along with EcoLeadership as a Montgomery County Green Certified Business.

“HUGHES leadership is recognized worldwide,” said Gigi Godwin, President & CEO, MCCC. “We are proud to have them headquartered here in Montgomery County, Maryland.”

About The Business Awards Dinner
The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce Annual Business Awards Dinner celebrates business leadership, achievement and partnership. This event attracts 700+ guests including award winners, sponsors, business leaders, elected and government officials, and the media. For more information about Business Awards Dinner and to reserve a table, click here.

About The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce
The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC) provides an effective voice for a diverse, innovation-driven economy to ensure business success. Its active membership includes small, medium, and large organizations representing a wide range of businesses and industries. Through effective advocacy, programs and events, MCCC helps its members succeed in business. A non-
partisan independent 501(c)(6), the Chamber is separate from any national, state, local chamber or other organization. For more information, visit www.mcccmd.com.

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 4 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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