

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Erin Studer
Hughes Network Systems, LLC
(301) 601-7216
erin.studer@hughes.com

Kristin Graybill
ConnellyWorks, Inc.
(571) 323-2585, ext. 2190
kristin@connellyworks.com

Hughes to Address SATCON 2011 on Future Trends in Satellite Communications

CEO keynote to focus on high throughput satellites; panels on military communications and government contracting partnerships

Germantown, Md., October 4, 2011—Hughes Network Systems, LLC (Hughes), the global leader in broadband satellite solutions and services, and a leading provider of managed network and application services, today announced it will participate in three panel sessions at the SATCON 2011 Conference and Exhibition. Hughes CEO Pradman Kaul will open the second day of the conference and exhibition on a keynote panel addressing the market opportunities with the launch of high throughput, Ka-band satellites. Subsequent panels with Hughes executives will discuss the U.S. government's 'Future Commercial Satellite Communications Services Acquisition (FCSA)', and the future of military satellite communications.

WHAT: Hughes at SATCON 2011

WHEN: October 12-13, 2011

WHERE: Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, New York, New York

Future Commercial Satellite Communications Services Acquisition (FCSA)

Wednesday, October 12: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.: Tony Bardo, assistant vice president of Hughes Government Solutions Group, will join government speakers on a panel to discuss the progress of the joint General Services Administration (GSA) and Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) partnership to acquire commercial satellite communications (COMSATCOM) services across the federal government. Initial contracts were already awarded to commercial satellite suppliers for transponder capacity and both fixed and mobile subscription services. The panel will discuss requirements for current and future FCSA contracting, review the process for contract awards, and lessons learned in year one. Hughes is an FCSA contract holder.

-More-

Hughes to Address SATCON 2011 on Future Trends in Satellite Communications, page 2

Next Generation Satellites: A Conversation with Mark Dankberg & Pradman Kaul

Thursday, October 13: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.: Pradman Kaul, CEO of Hughes, will review the progress of Jupiter™, the company's next generation, Ka-band satellite—whose multi-spot beam, high throughput architecture will provide over 100 Gbps capacity in North America, with an anticipated launch date in the first half of 2012. Mr. Kaul and Mr. Dankberg will also discuss how Ka-band high throughput broadband satellites will revolutionize the market, their impact on market segments, applications, and the future of the satellite industry.

Advanced Technologies – What's Next for COMSATCOM in the Military?

Thursday, October 13: 3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.: Rick Lober, vice president and general manager, Defense and Intelligence Systems Division at Hughes, will moderate a panel of government and industry leaders exploring the evolving COMSATCOM technologies and how they can be applied to existing and future military programs. Industry panelists will address topics such as the shift from Ku- to Ka- and X-bands, high-throughput satellites, and advanced modulation techniques. Government panelists will outline their needs and evolving acquisition programs.

Press Registration

Members of the media interested in scheduling a briefing with a Hughes executive are invited to contact Kristin Graybill at: (571) 323-2585, ext. 2190, or by email kristin@connellyworks.com.

For more information on SATCON 2011, visit <http://www.satconexpo.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 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.

###