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Windstream Expands Its 100G Long-Haul Express Network

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Sept. 30, 2014 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Windstream (Nasdaq:WIN) announced today that it has begun deployment of phase two of its 100 Gigabit per second long-haul express network.

"Windstream, with our 'smart solutions, personalized service' brand promise, is committed to meeting the rapidly expanding data needs of our enterprise customers, and our high-capacity, low-latency long-haul network reflects that commitment," said Randy Nicklas, executive vice president of engineering and chief technology officer for Windstream. "The Infinera platform we are deploying enables Windstream to rapidly provision network services that support our customers' critical applications in a highly reliable and secure way."

Infinera's Intelligent Transport Network features the industry's only commercially available single-card 500 Gb/s FlexCoherent super-channels based on Infinera's widely deployed photonic integrated circuits. This provides Windstream with a solution integrating DWDM optical transmission and non-blocking OTN switching in a single platform. Infinera's intelligent software combined with this converged platform automates manual operations to lower operational costs and enable faster service delivery. The Infinera DTN-X is designed to scale without compromise to single-card terabit super-channels and Terabit Ethernet in the future.

Phase two covers about 4,100 miles and is scheduled to be complete by year's end. It includes routes from Chicago to Omaha, Kansas City and St. Louis; Cleveland to Albany, N.Y.; Boston, New York City and Philadelphia; Atlanta to Charlotte and Ashburn, Va.; and Monroe, La., to Memphis.

Phase one of the project, announced in March, covers about 5,300 miles. It included routes from St. Louis to Chicago, Indianapolis, Lexington, Ky.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Atlanta, Memphis and Dallas; and from Chicago to Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, the District of Columbia and Ashburn, Va.

Windstream operates a nationwide fiber and IP network as well as 27 data centers. As a cloud solutions provider, Windstream serves businesses with a wide range of cloud communications needs, in addition to offering an advanced data and voice network that provides customers with reliable 100 Gigabit Ethernet services.

About Windstream

Windstream (Nasdaq:WIN), a FORTUNE 500 and S&P 500 company, is a leading provider of advanced network communications, including cloud computing and managed services, to businesses nationwide. The company also offers broadband, phone and digital TV services to consumers primarily in rural areas. For more information, visit www.windstream.com.

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