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Windstream expands metro fiber network in Little Rock

Expansion is part of Windstream's multi-city campaign to connect even more data centers & commercial buildings to company's national backbone

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 22, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Windstream](#) (NASDAQ:WIN), a leading provider of advanced network communications, today announced a major expansion of its advanced metro fiber network in Little Rock. Windstream's expansion will provide the area's growing business community with world-class fiber and fixed-wireless infrastructure that connects even more local data centers and commercial buildings with Windstream's high-speed, highly available nationwide fiber network.

"Windstream is headquartered in Little Rock, and our company's connection to the city goes back nearly 75 years," said Tony Thomas, chief executive officer for Windstream. "We're proud to make this investment in our hometown to help create a new level of connectivity and network stability for all the businesses here, especially the Downtown, Midtown, West Little Rock, North Little Rock, Northshore Business Park, Airport/Port Authority and Conway areas. It also will allow us to offer our customers an expanded product suite and higher levels of service."

Windstream's expansion of its local metro fiber network and the addition of fixed wireless service will connect the company's national fiber network to major data center complexes and commercial buildings in the Little Rock area. This expansion will connect companies directly to other major and mid-size markets across the country, and it also will enable business customers to utilize the [enterprise-class data, voice, network and cloud services](#) that Windstream customers in other major markets use as the foundation of their technology strategy.

Little Rock's Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport is among the entities that have benefited directly from Windstream's expansion. The airport is Arkansas's largest commercial service airport, and it serves nearly 2 million passengers annually.

"Clinton National Airport is a critical resource to our region. More than 3,000 people work at the airport, which generates \$1.2 billion in annual economic benefit," said Ronald F. Mathieu, executive director, Clinton National Airport. "We are partnering with Windstream, using their reliable, fiber-fed internet service, to offer the best Wi-Fi connection of any airport in the world."

The Windstream fiber expansion increases both the footprint of the company's network and the services that are available to local customers - including fixed wireless service, unified communications, managed services, network security, business continuity, network solutions and cloud services, all of which are provided with the support of a truly local team.

Windstream is expanding local metro fiber networks across the country as part of an initiative that will support customers in the banking, financial services, legal services, education, healthcare, government, hospitality and retail industries, among others. In addition to Little Rock, Windstream is expanding its metro fiber networks in a number of cities including Charlotte, Nashville, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Dallas, Detroit and Cleveland.

Windstream offers a full suite of advanced network communications and technology solutions, including [Network & Data](#), [SD-WAN](#), [Voice & Unified Communications](#), [Network Security](#), [Managed Services](#) and [Cloud Services](#). For more information, visit [windstreambusiness.com](#).

About Windstream

Windstream Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ:WIN), a FORTUNE 500 company, is a leading provider of advanced network communications and technology solutions for consumers, businesses, enterprise organizations and wholesale customers across the U.S. Windstream offers bundled services, including broadband, security solutions, voice and digital TV to consumers. The company also provides data, cloud solutions, unified communications and managed services to small business and enterprise clients. The company supplies core transport solutions on a local and long-haul fiber network spanning approximately 147,000 miles. Additional information is available at [windstream.com](#). Please visit our newsroom at [news.windstream.com](#) or follow us on Twitter at [@Windstream](#).

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