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Windstream Achieves Advanced Data Center Architecture Specialization From Cisco in USA

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 29, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Windstream (Nasdaq:WIN), a leading provider of advanced network communications and technology solutions announced today that it has achieved the Advanced Data Center Architecture Specialization from Cisco. This specialization recognizes Windstream as having fulfilled the training requirements and program prerequisites to sell, design and deploy comprehensive Cisco® Data Center solutions.

The specialization provides role-based training in three essential areas: Unified Fabric for optimizing data and storage needs; Unified Computing for streamlining data center resources and uniting network, computational, storage and virtualization platforms; and Unified Network Services for advancing the way application delivery and security services are provided in the data center network or computing environment.

"We're honored to once again be recognized by Cisco for our commitment to maintaining the highest levels of data center certifications and specializations," said Jeffrey Bertocci, Windstream's senior vice president of cloud and data center operations. "Receiving Cisco's Advanced Data Center Architecture Specialization validates the Windstream team's dedication to achieving the highest accreditation levels in the industry, reinforcing our 'smart solutions, personalized service' brand promise to our enterprise customers."

The [Cisco Resale Channel Program](#) provides partners with the training required to build sales, design and technical talent and then validates their skills through a third-party audit.

About Windstream

Windstream, a FORTUNE 500 company, is a leading provider of advanced network communications and technology solutions, 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 the company's online newsroom at news.windstream.com or follow on Twitter at [@WindstreamNews](https://twitter.com/WindstreamNews).

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