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Windstream Intensifies SDN Focus, Expands SDNow to 50 Markets Across the U.S.

SDNow - Software-Defined Network Orchestrated Waves - drives service provisioning and delivery improvements for transport customers

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Oct. 17, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Windstream (NASDAQ:WIN), a leading provider of advanced network communications, today announced a major expansion of its SDN Orchestrated Waves (SDNow) transport service. SDNow - high-speed optical wave service leveraging a centralized, programmable SDN environment - is now available in 50 markets across the country, including major cloud connectivity and peering locations in the United States.

Leveraging multi-vendor service orchestration and automated provisioning, Windstream has created a dynamic service environment that will enable customers to order SDNow 10G point-to-point circuits for 1,500 long-haul route combinations, with delivery in 20 days. This increase in SDNow market availability further substantiates Windstream's pledge to deliver programmable network solutions to its customers, while at the same time driving operational improvements. The SDNow platform provides the foundation that will enable future innovative services, including on-demand and calendared bandwidth.

"This SDNow expansion brings the benefits of SDN-provisioned service to even more transport customers across our national footprint - a definite game-changer for Windstream," said Joseph Harding, executive vice president and enterprise chief marketing officer at Windstream. "With its accelerated 20-day service delivery, SDNow will allow Windstream customers to advance their cloud migration and digital transformation efforts with the increased speed, agility and efficiency required for business innovation and success."

With these expansion efforts - as well as demonstrated industry leadership in areas such as participation in the [MEF's Proof of Concept Showcase](#) in November [and its membership in the Open Network Automation Platform \(ONAP\) Project](#) - Windstream is differentiating itself in the network connectivity marketplace, innovating and transforming network functionality and customer experience.

For more information on SDNow or the complete list of SDNow markets, please [click here](#).

About Windstream

Windstream Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ:WIN), a FORTUNE 500 company, is a leading provider of advanced network communications and technology solutions for consumers, small businesses, enterprise organizations and carrier partners 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 business and enterprise clients. The company supplies core transport solutions on a local and long-haul fiber-optic network spanning approximately 150,000 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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