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## Windstream connects nearly 300 Department of Veterans Affairs locations as part of agency's efforts to consolidate services

### Windstream is providing voice, data and internet services to VA locations across the country that help reduce costs and provide higher-quality services to our nation's veterans

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Oct. 04, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Windstream](#) (NASDAQ:WIN), a leading provider of advanced network communications, today announced that it has connected nearly 300 Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) locations across the country within the first year of being named an authorized network services provider for the VA's National Consolidation of Local Exchange Carrier (LEC) Services Contract.

Windstream is providing a wide range of voice, data and Internet services under the five-year, multi-million-dollar contract with the VA's Office of Information and Technology (OIT), which is designed to consolidate service providers to the VA. Windstream expects to continue to introduce reliable, scalable and secure technology solutions at other facilities that will assist in the efficient delivery of healthcare and other benefits to veterans across the nation.

"As a country, we owe our service veterans the best care possible," said Bradley Kilbey, vice president and general manager of Federal Markets at Windstream. "We are proud that Windstream's voice and data services are assisting the Department of Veterans Affairs provide a higher-quality experience to our nation's veterans and powering important services such as crisis hotlines and telehealth initiatives."

Windstream offers a full suite of advanced network communications and technology solutions, including voice and data services such as [VoIP](#) access, SIP trunking, [MPLS](#) and [dedicated high-speed Internet](#). Windstream also offers [managed services](#), [cloud computing](#), [disaster recovery](#) and networking services designed to help businesses increase productivity and improve operational costs.

For more information on Windstream and the services the company is providing to the Department of Veterans Affairs, please visit [windstreambusiness.com/government](http://windstreambusiness.com/government).

#### 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 125,000 miles. Additional information is available at [www.windstream.com](http://www.windstream.com). Please visit our newsroom at [news.windstream.com](http://news.windstream.com) or follow us on Twitter at [@Windstream](https://twitter.com/Windstream).

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