Windstream Awarded Federal Government GSA Local Services Acquisition Contract

GSA Contract With Multi-Million Dollar Annual Revenue Potential is to Serve Government Agencies in IA, NE, MO, and KS

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 8, 2013 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Windstream (Nasdaq:WIN) announced today that the General Services Administration (GSA) of the U.S. Federal Government has awarded it a contract to provide voice, Internet and data services. The contract represents multi-million dollar potential revenue annually, covering GSA's Region 6, which is known as the "Heartland Region" and includes Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, and Kansas. The term of the contract is five years and runs through fiscal year 2016.

The GSA is a federal procurement and property management agency created to improve government efficiency and help federal agencies better serve the public. As a result of this agreement, Windstream has the opportunity to provide its leading telecommunications and technology solutions to more than 60,000 federal employees based in over 400 GSA-owned buildings, properties, and agencies, such as the Department of Justice/U.S. Attorneys, Department of Labor, Internal Revenue Service, and Social Security offices. The Region 6 local services acquisition (LSA) contract adds another region to Windstream's growing portfolio of LSAs, which also includes Region 1 (Northeast), Region 2 (New York and New Jersey), Region 3 (Mid-Atlantic) Region 4 (Southeast), Region 5 (Great Lakes Region), and Region 9 (California).

According to the terms of the contract, all federal government agencies with local offices in Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, and Kansas will have access to Windstream's suite of services including the company's Allworx phones, IP Simple solution, expansive fiber optic network, and data center services. These agencies will join a growing list of federal, state and local governments who have trusted Windstream with their mission-critical communications needs.

"We have a tremendous amount of experience working with the federal government, and can provide the customized solutions required by federal agencies," said Mike Magliato, Windstream's vice president of government solutions. "The technology upgrade Windstream is providing will allow the GSA Heartland Region to deliver a unified communications solution consisting of hosted VoIP and data across its four-state region. We are always proud to work with the GSA and provide its facilities with affordable solutions that address security concerns."

About GSA Heartland Region:

Headquartered in Kansas City, GSA Heartland Region represents Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas, and we take great pride in providing superior customer service and workplace solutions for our customers. We currently provide work spaces for about 60,000 federal employees, managing more than 21.6 million rentable square feet in more than 400 buildings. The heartland region also assists federal agencies acquire the necessary equipment, supplies, telecommunications, and information technology to successfully accomplish their mission. In 2010, our sales totaled about $350 million. We also manage a government vehicle fleet of 8,500 - 4,394 Ethanol 85 and 230 Electric Hybrids.

About Windstream

Windstream Corp. (Nasdaq:WIN) 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. Windstream has more than $6 billion in annual revenues and is listed on the S&P 500 index. For more information, visit www.windstream.com.

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