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## Windstream Honored as Recipient of 2014 EMC Americas Innovation Award

### Collaboration Drives Growth in Cloud Technology

LAS VEGAS, May 8, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Windstream (Nasdaq:WIN), a leading provider of advanced network communications and technology solutions, today announced it has received the 2014 EMC Americas Innovation Award from [EMC Corporation](#) for its expertise and innovation in delivering next-generation, EMC-enabled cloud solutions to new and existing cloud and data center customers. This marks the first year Windstream has received the exclusive recognition.

The award was presented at the 2015 EMC Global Partner Summit in Las Vegas. The Americas Innovation Award recognizes high-achieving EMC business partners across the Americas for exceeding growth expectations and demonstrating a commitment to excellence through innovation and joint business goals.

"It is an honor for Windstream to receive EMC's Innovation Award," said Greg Lanham, vice president of business development and alliance partners at Windstream. "Our relationship with EMC allows us to build on our competitive advantages in the marketplace and deliver customized solutions to our customers. We will continue to deliver great value as a true end-to-end EMC-powered cloud and network provider."

"Windstream has achieved outstanding business outcomes by advancing its technical and sales expertise in the cloud space, as well as demonstrating ongoing dedication to expanding upon its hybrid cloud deployments and national data center footprint," said Tony McCoy, vice president, Americas Service Providers and Alliances for EMC Corporation. "This level of commitment speaks volumes - Windstream has delivered innovative solutions that help customers redefine their IT. For that reason, I am thrilled to recognize Windstream with the EMC Americas Innovation Award."

Through Windstream's relationship with EMC, enterprise customers have been introduced to the latest cloud technology solutions, including Disaster Recovery as a Service (DRaaS), Advanced Tiered Storage, and Public, Private, and Hybrid Cloud solutions built upon sought-after EMC technologies such as VMAX<sup>®</sup>, VNX<sup>®</sup>, Data Domain<sup>®</sup> and TwinStrata<sup>®</sup> Cloud arrays.

### 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](http://news.windstream.com) or follow on Twitter at [@WindstreamNews](https://twitter.com/WindstreamNews).

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