Windstream Urges K-12 Schools to Leverage E-Rate Funds for Telecommunications and Internet Upgrades

Application for FY2013 E-Rate Funding Must be Started by Feb. 14

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 4, 2013 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- With this year’s E-Rate filing deadline rapidly approaching, Windstream (Nasdaq:WIN), a leading provider of advanced network communications, is urging all K-12 schools and libraries across the country to apply in order to leverage discounts on telecommunications, Internet service, and communications solutions.

The E-Rate program, administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), provides discounts up to 90 percent on certain telecommunication and Internet services, to eligible K-12 schools and libraries across the country.

The deadline to start the application process for FY2013 E-Rate funding is Feb. 14; schools and libraries then have until March 14 to choose their E-Rate service provider.

"Windstream has worked with thousands of K-12 schools and libraries to bring them affordable telecommunication and data solutions," said Don Perkins, Windstream senior vice president of Business Marketing. "We have an E-Rate support team that has been involved with the program since it was first approved."

Many of today’s schools are upgrading their networks to accommodate next-generation technology that enhances school curriculum and learning opportunities for students in the classroom. Windstream provides customized solutions for educational institutions across the country. These solutions include: technologically advanced phone systems and Unified Communications solutions, such as IP Simple; high-speed Internet access; networking solutions; and managed services such as managed network security and managed hosting.

With Windstream solutions, E-Rate qualifying schools are able to provide their teachers and students the resources needed to effectively communicate with parents, improve Internet-based learning, and network with all of the schools in a district. Libraries are able to add value to their membership services through enhanced online card catalogs and reference tools, and the ability to participate in e-book programs.

For more information about E-Rate and Windstream's solutions for schools and libraries, contact one of Windstream's E-Rate specialists by visiting http://www.windstreambusiness.com/quote-request/e-rate.

About Windstream

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