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Windstream expands metro fiber network in Nashville

Expansion is part of Windstream's multi-city campaign to connect even more data centers & commercial buildings to company's national backbone

NASHVILLE, Tenn., June 03, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Windstream](#) (NASDAQ:WIN), a leading provider of advanced network communications, today announced a major expansion of its advanced metro fiber network in [the Nashville area](#). Windstream's expansion will provide the area's growing business community with world-class fiber and fixed-wireless infrastructure that connects even more local data centers and commercial buildings with Windstream's high-speed, highly available nationwide fiber network.

"This is a big, ambitious project that will have a major economic impact on Nashville, and we are proud to be supporting the city's business community in this important way," said Eric Warren, regional president of enterprise sales for Windstream's south region. "Today's announcement reflects a significant investment that Windstream is making to expand its network of connected buildings in the Nashville area, which will help to ensure that it is one of the best-connected cities in the country."

Windstream's expansion of its local metro fiber network and the addition of fixed wireless service will connect the company's national fiber network to major data center complexes and commercial buildings in Nashville, including the Downtown, West End/Elliston Place, Midtown/Vanderbilt, Green Hills, Brentwood, Airport/Donelson and Cool Springs areas. This expansion will connect companies directly to major markets across the country, and it also will enable business customers to utilize the [enterprise-class data, voice, network and cloud services](#) that Windstream customers in other major markets use as the foundation of their technology strategy.

"The secret is out about Nashville, and we have become one of most-attractive and fastest-growing cities in the country," said James V. Hunt, Jr., co-managing director and co-owner of Nashville-based Benefit Communications Inc., a Windstream customer. "That growth has presented some challenges, though, and many local businesses have felt ignored by some of the largest network providers. Windstream's fiber and fixed wireless expansion in the Nashville area will help businesses like us have faster, more reliable and more affordable access to last-mile connectivity."

The Windstream expansion increases both the footprint of the company's network and the services that are available to local customers - including fixed wireless service, unified communications, managed services, network security, business continuity, network solutions and cloud services, all of which are provided with the support of a truly local team.

Windstream is expanding local metro fiber networks across the country as part of an initiative that will support customers in the banking, financial services, legal services, education, healthcare, government, hospitality and retail industries, among others. Additional fiber expansions in markets such as Atlanta, Minneapolis, Chicago, Cleveland and Philadelphia are planned throughout 2016.

For more information on Windstream and the company's Nashville network expansion, visit [windstreambusiness.com](#).

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 [windstream.com](#). Please visit our newsroom at [news.windstream.com](#) or follow us on Twitter at [@Windstream](#).

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