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## Windstream Launches Fixed Wireless Solution in Boston

### Digital Microwave Technology Provides Alternate High-Speed Connectivity to Enterprise Customers

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., July 15, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Windstream (Nasdaq:WIN), a leading provider of advanced network and cloud communications, today announced the launch of its Fixed Wireless solution in Boston, Mass., providing a high-speed access alternative to businesses looking for even more robust network connectivity.

Windstream's Fixed Wireless is a technology solution for carrier-grade Ethernet and Internet-over-Ethernet connectivity delivered by digital microwave technology, and is currently offered in Chicago, Ill., New York, N.Y., Northern New Jersey, N.J., and Milwaukee, Wis.

"Today's businesses are looking for diverse and reliable connectivity, driving productivity and growth goals," said Joseph Harding, Windstream's enterprise executive vice president and chief marketing officer. "Windstream's Fixed Wireless solution is an ideal option for businesses seeking diverse, high-bandwidth, enterprise-class Ethernet and networking solutions. This cost-effective alternative to fiber optic or copper/coax networks offers our enterprise customers quick service installation, along with the high speed and security they need."

Windstream's Fixed Wireless supports Ethernet Virtual Private Line (EVPL) or Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) networks with Quality of Service (QoS) and delivers scalable bandwidth for speeds up to 1Gps, as well as terrestrial diversity. With the use of digital microwave technology, Windstream externally installs a microwave radio on rooftops of business buildings to beam transmissions from one radio to another, delivering fast, reliable and secure business-grade Internet that does not interfere with buried utilities.

Fixed Wireless benefits include:

- **Network diversity.** Ethernet over Internet connectivity provides increased network security and reliability, minimizing downtime.
- **Reduced installation time.** Due to the nature of the digital microwave technology, installations can be completed in 30 days or fewer, compared to month-long fiber installations.
- **Minimal upfront investment.** The solution is fully managed with no high build-out costs.
- **Temporary service options.** Customers can deploy a scalable, secure on-demand Internet service for short-term events.

"Combining fixed wireless access with Windstream's terrestrial infrastructure brings substantial benefits to enterprise customers," stated Brian Washburn, service director at Current Analysis. "The result is a differentiated value proposition with fast service delivery times, diverse redundancy, strong cost efficiencies and high network reliability."

Backed by Windstream's Enterprise Data Service Level Agreement (SLA), 24x7 Network Operations Center (NOC) monitoring and field technician service, Windstream's Fixed Wireless solution is the next generation of Ethernet and Internet networking.

More information about Windstream and its Fixed Wireless solution can be found at [windstreambusiness.com/access](http://windstreambusiness.com/access).

#### 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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