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Windstream Announces Westward Network Expansion With Diverse 500G Routes From Denver

DWDM Express Network Leverages National Fiber Backbone

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Nov. 10, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Windstream (NASDAQ:WIN), a leading provider of advanced network communications, has announced its latest network expansion with the introduction of diverse Carrier routes from Denver to Chicago and Dallas. Through Windstream's partnership with Infinera, provider of Infinera Intelligent Transport Networks™, the new routes leverage the [Infinera DTN-X platform, part of the Infinera DTN-X family](#) of next-generation terabit-class transport network platforms and provides Carrier customers with the ability to order 100G Waves to the markets. The routes mark another milestone in Windstream's aggressive 2015 network expansion strategy.

"A top priority for Windstream Carrier Solutions has been to expand its network backbone in order to become the leading provider of fiber-based, high-bandwidth transport services from our interconnection points in major cities into our unique metro and regional markets," said John Nishimoto, vice president of business development at Windstream Carrier Solutions.

The routes allow customers needing data transport eastward from Denver the ability to interconnect at Windstream's point of presence at 910 15th street. From there, Windstream Carrier Solutions can provide 100G connectivity to more than 40 locations and 1G to 10G connectivity to over 1200 locations in Windstream's 33 state transport footprint, including Tier 1 and tertiary markets across the United States. The southern route connects back to Dallas, which has multiple 100G routing options, while the northern route passes through Lincoln and Omaha, Nebraska with direct connectivity eastward to Chicago to further meet the diversity needs of Windstream's customers.

By end of year, Windstream Carrier Solutions plans to provide:

- Wave services from 1G to 100G spanning across 121,000 miles of fiber
- 100G service in 44 markets
- Standardized 10G pricing throughout its expansive regional and metro fiber networks in 33 states, available via Windstream's Carrier Portal
- Express install guarantee of 25 calendar days for qualifying orders

More information about Windstream's national footprint and long-haul core network can be found on this [Carrier Interactive Map](#).

About Windstream

Windstream Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ:WIN), a Fortune 500 company, is a leading provider of advanced network communications and technology solutions for consumers, businesses, enterprise organizations and carrier partners across the U.S. Windstream offers bundled services, including broadband, security solutions, voice and digital TV to consumers. We also provide 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 121,000 miles. Additional information is available at [windstream.com](#). Please visit our newsroom at [news.windstream.com](#) or follow us on Twitter at [@WindstreamNews](#).

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