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Windstream Hosted Solutions to Share Industry Insights, Cloud Migration Service Demos at Cloud Expo

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., June 10, 2014 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Windstream Hosted Solutions, provider of cloud and data center solutions and a part of Windstream (Nasdaq:WIN), a leading provider of advanced network communications, will be conducting demonstrations of its VMware vCloud Director enabled cloud migration tool at [Cloud Expo](#) in New York City, June 10 through June 12.

The tool, [launched in April](#) in partnership with [Racemi](#), a leading Software as a Service (SaaS) provider, enables cloud migrations using the Cloud Path self-service portal and automatically migrates existing physical and virtual servers into one of Windstream's eight multi-tenant cloud platforms, all of which are VMware hybrid cloud enabled. Windstream [first conducted live Cloud Path migration demonstrations](#) at EMC World's recent Redefine event in Las Vegas.

"The Cloud Path solution truly opens the door to a seamless cloud migration customer experience, virtually eliminating concerns regarding downtime or potential data loss," said Matt Preschern, Windstream's senior vice president and enterprise chief marketing officer. "This innovative platform offers a sophisticated, market-sensitive option to our enterprise customers, supporting Windstream's 'smart solutions, personalized service' brand promise."

With more enterprise customers considering cloud solutions, one Windstream customer - [SRS Pharmacy Systems](#) in Chicago - found its recent cloud migration experience to be quick and seamless, allowing the company to migrate from existing servers to Windstream's cloud.

"Our data migration from physical to virtual servers using Windstream's cloud migration services was an easy process and is a good choice for physical migrations," said Chris Karabats, IT team lead at SRS Pharmacy Systems. "The process was very 'plug and play;' everything went smoothly and the servers started up with all the right data on them. We were very pleased with the efficiency of the migration."

"One of the main IT roadblocks enterprises encounter on their journeys to the cloud is how to migrate legacy workloads. Windstream's implementation of Racemi's Cloud Path automates and accelerates that migration," said Al Sadowski, research director at 451 Research.

In addition to the "On-Ramp to the Cloud" demonstrations at Windstream's booth (212), visitors will have the opportunity to speak with Windstream's cloud experts about industry best practices for facilitating physical to virtual server and storage environment transitions. For a full schedule of the demonstrations, [click here](#).

The Windstream team will also participate in several Cloud Expo educational sessions and panel discussions, listed below:

- Rob Carter, director of data center and cloud marketing for Windstream, will present an educational session on "Hybrid Cloud Best Practices and Use Cases/Proof Points" on Thursday, June 12, at 2:10 p.m. [Click here for a preview of his session](#).
- Carter will also participate in the Wednesday, June 11, "Power Panel: What Have We Learned About Cloud Adoption?" starting at 6:15 p.m.
- Phil Sautter, Windstream's architect of data center operations, will present the "DDOS Mitigation Service & Layered Security" session on Tuesday, June 10, at 4:40 p.m.
- Kent Landry, senior consultant of data center and managed services marketing for Windstream, will participate in a roundtable discussion on Tuesday, June 10, titled "The Evolution of IT in a Changing World."

To speak with any of the participants, please contact [Tanja Jameson](#).

For more information about the Windstream-Racemi cloud migration solution, please visit [www.windstream.com](#).

About Windstream

Windstream (Nasdaq:WIN), a FORTUNE 500 and S&P 500 company, is a leading provider of advanced network communications, 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 www.windstream.com.

About Racemi

Racemi, the moving company for the cloud, has been named a "Cool Vendor" and has hundreds of customers, users, and partners around the globe. The company builds server provisioning and cloud migration technology that allows businesses to quickly migrate their existing physical and virtual servers between dissimilar physical, virtual, and cloud platforms and across geographies. For more information, visit www.racemi.com.

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