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## Windstream to expand rural broadband access in New York

LITTLE ROCK, Ark, Feb. 05, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Windstream (NASDAQ:WIN), a leading provider of advanced network communications and technology solutions, has been awarded \$2.7 million in Phase 3 of the New NY Broadband Program. An additional Windstream investment of \$674,225 brings the total to almost \$3.4 million.

The fund will support Windstream's deployment of high-speed broadband to 751 rural locations in Western New York.

Upgrades are planned in rural parts of the following Windstream exchanges: Bemus Point, Clymer, Ellington, Jamestown, Lakewood, Panama, Sinclairville and Steadman. The work will enable minimum download speeds of 25 Mbps.

"Windstream's participation in the New NY Broadband Program highlights our commitment to deploying broadband in rural areas that would not be economically feasible without public-private partnerships like this one," said Jeff Small, president of Windstream's consumer and small business segment. "We are delighted that we were able to take part in such a valuable program, and we applaud the State of New York for its leadership on this important economic development issue."

Separately, Windstream in 2015 accepted almost \$1.6 million in annual support from the second round of the Federal Communications Commission's Connect America Fund to deliver and maintain high-speed broadband services at 5,210 rural locations in New York.

### 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 wholesale customers 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 network spanning approximately 150,000 miles. Additional information is available at [windstream.com](http://windstream.com). Please visit our newsroom at [news.windstream.com](http://news.windstream.com) or follow us on Twitter at [@Windstream](https://twitter.com/Windstream).

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