

## Windstream Expands Business Service Into Columbus, Ga.

## Full Suite of Advanced Voice and Data Communication Solutions Now Available

COLUMBUS, Ga., July 26, 2011 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Windstream Corp. (Nasdaq:WIN) announces the expansion of its next-generation voice and data services into Columbus, Ga., giving local businesses a new choice for advanced communication services.

Columbus business customers may now benefit from a robust portfolio of <u>voice and data solutions</u>, including dedicated high-speed <u>Ethernet Internet</u>, <u>VoIP converged communications systems</u>, <u>MPLS networking</u>, <u>managed services</u>, and <u>data centers</u>, all designed to help businesses increase productivity and run more efficiently.

Windstream's cost-effective solutions also include business bundles that can help improve a customer's bottom line, saving business customers on Internet and phone service.

"Windstream understands the growing demand for our voice and data solutions and has expanded our product availability into Columbus," said Don Perkins, vice president of business marketing. "Our customized solutions can help businesses improve productivity and connect with their customers."

Windstream already serves business customers in markets across Georgia including Atlanta, Buena Vista, Manchester, Perry, Milledgeville, Dawson, Moultrie and Thomasville.

Windstream is the exclusive sponsor of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce Eye Opener Breakfast on Thursday, July 28 at the Columbus Convention and Trade Center. Businesses who attend the event will receive giveaways and can register to win an iPad, courtesy of Windstream.

For more information about Windstream's converged communication solutions, or any of Windstream's next-generation data services, visit <a href="https://www.windstreambusiness.com">www.windstreambusiness.com</a>.

For the latest news, events and information on advanced communication services, follow <u>@WindstreamBiz</u> on Twitter or <u>Windstream Business</u> on Facebook and <u>WindstreamBiz</u> on YouTube. Visit the <u>Windstream Business Blog</u> for telecom industry trends and tips on improving your business communications.

## About Windstream

Windstream Corp., headquartered in Little Rock, Ark., is an S&P 500 communications and technology solutions provider with operations in 29 states and the District of Columbia and about \$4 billion in annual revenues. Windstream provides IP-based voice and data services, MPLS networking, data center and managed hosting services and communication systems to businesses and government agencies. The company also delivers broadband, digital phone and high-definition TV services to residential customers primarily located in rural areas and operates a local and long-haul fiber network spanning approximately 60,000 route miles. For more information about Windstream, visit <a href="https://www.windstream.com">www.windstream.com</a>.

The Windstream Corporation logo is available at <a href="http://www.globenewswire.com/newsroom/prs/?pkgid=7044">http://www.globenewswire.com/newsroom/prs/?pkgid=7044</a>

CONTACT: Media Contact:

Alice Hartnett, 704-845-7381 alice.hartnett@windstream.com