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## **RecruitMilitary recognizes Windstream as a 2017 Most Valuable Employers for Military® winner**

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 15, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Windstream (NASDAQ:WIN), a leading provider of advanced network communications and technology solutions, has been named a 2017 Most Valuable Employers (MVE) for Military® winner by RecruitMilitary, a national leader in helping employers connect with high-quality veteran talent.

MVEs are selected annually based on those employers whose recruiting, training and retention plans best serve military service members and veterans. The award is marking its ninth edition in 2017.

"Windstream is proud to be one of the Most Valuable Employers for Military winners," said John Fletcher, chief human resources and legal officer. "We are committed to welcoming veterans into our ranks because they bring experiences, technical skills and leadership attributes that make us a stronger company."

"Veterans truly represent the finest talent our country has to offer," said Peter Gudmundsson, president of RecruitMilitary. "Judging by the stature of the businesses that comprise the Most Valuable Employers for Military winners, we can see that organizations thrive when they include veteran hiring initiatives in their human resource strategies."

The 2017 Most Valuable Employers for Military was open to all U.S.-based companies. In observance of Armed Forces Day, the annual list of MVEs will be released in the May/June issue of RecruitMilitary's *Search & Employ* magazine.

### **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 147,000 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).

### **About MVE**

The RecruitMilitary Most Valuable Employers (MVE) for Military serves to help military-experienced job seekers identify the top employers to target for civilian careers. MVEs are selected annually based on those employers whose recruiting, training and retention plans best serve military service members and veterans. RecruitMilitary (<http://RecruitMilitary.com>) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bradley-Morris, Inc. (BMI), the largest military-focused recruiting company in the U.S. Together, BMI and RecruitMilitary offer employers access to more than 1,000,000 military job seekers via services that include contingency recruiting, military job fairs, a job board, employer branding, a military base publication and more.

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