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Windstream Wholesale introduces SDNow, SDN Orchestrated Waves

Software Defined Network Orchestrated Waves for data center cloud applications

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 22, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Windstream (NASDAQ:WIN), a leading provider of advanced network communications, today announced the launch of SDNow Waves for Data Center Cloud applications.

SDNow—Software Defined Network Orchestrated Waves—leverages the company's ongoing SDN deployment strategy, by introducing optical wave services based on multi-vendor service orchestration and automated provisioning across the Windstream long-haul core network.

SDNow is available at five major third-party carrier neutral data centers in Chicago, Dallas, Ashburn, Miami and Atlanta, with plans to expand to 50 additional locations this summer. Hyperscale web content and application companies in need of high capacity long-haul transport services can use Windstream Wholesale's SDNow solutions to accommodate their rapidly growing bandwidth needs, leveraging quick access to cloud resources.

"We are investing in strategic technologies that enable us to deliver flexible, on-demand services across our multi-vendor network," said Mike Shippey, president of Windstream Wholesale. "Providing SDNow services to our customers via multi-vendor service orchestration and automated provisioning truly differentiates Windstream in the marketplace. Consumers of SDN-provisioned services will see improvement in their customer experience through the removal of human touch-points in the service fulfillment process, and improved accuracy through automated standard configurations."

Leveraging open orchestration capabilities, Windstream utilizes its optical network as a programmable resource to accelerate the delivery of optical wavelength services. Windstream's agile, DevOps-style approach to automation development enables the company to abstract the complexity of service delivery and offers a simplified view of the multi-vendor optical layer. With this streamlined service provisioning, Windstream is delivering on its commitment to enhancing its solutions and providing an exceptional customer experience.

Windstream Wholesale plans to introduce additional services in 2017, integrating additional third-party SDN controllers and enabling true intent-based service orchestration across multiple layers of the Windstream network.

About Windstream

Windstream Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ:WIN), a FORTUNE 500 company, is a leading provider of advanced network communications and technology solutions for consumers, small businesses, enterprise organizations and carrier partners 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-optic network spanning approximately 147,000 miles. Additional information is available at windstream.com. Please visit our newsroom at news.windstream.com or follow us on Twitter at [@Windstream](https://twitter.com/Windstream)

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