



## Windstream Opens New Data Center in Charlotte

### Continues Data Center Expansion Strategy to Meet Growing Customer Demand

CHARLOTTE, N.C., April 27, 2011 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Windstream Hosted Solutions](#), one of the nation's premier providers of enterprise-class cloud computing and managed hosting solutions, announced today it has opened its third state-of-the-art data center in Charlotte as part of the company's continued expansion.

Windstream now operates three SAS 70 Type II certified facilities within the Charlotte market. The company also operates data centers in Raleigh and Cary, N.C.; Boston, Mass.; Newton, Iowa; State College and Ephrata, Pa.; Jacksonville, Fla.; Atlanta, Ga., and Nashville, Tenn.

Windstream Hosted Solutions provides disaster recovery and business continuity, SaaS, compliance, infrastructure assessments and data center consolidation and relocation to protect customers' mission-critical IT systems and applications. The company's data center operations include a hardened physical infrastructure, the highest level of security and a complete managed services portfolio that enables companies to reduce operating costs and lower the risk of downtime.

"We are known for being a trusted data center partner to companies of all sizes, from small to mid-size enterprises to some of the largest Fortune 100 companies in the world," said Kip Turco, senior vice president of data center operations at Windstream Hosted Solutions. "Because of this reputation, we are experiencing tremendous demand for data center outsourcing in all of our markets, including Charlotte, and are well-positioned to continue on this expansion path as more companies move their IT infrastructures to the cloud."

The company opened its first Charlotte data center in 2003. The new 7,200-square-foot center increases the company's critical load capacity in the market by over 35 percent and is located on one of the city's primary power grid arteries, which virtually eliminates downtime during power outages and provides customers with crucial access to necessary underground fiber networks.

The center's design incorporates highly redundant 2N (A-Side/B-Side) power distribution and high efficiency chilled water cooling solutions. The power distribution design allows for easy maintenance of all critical infrastructure with no impact to customer environments, and the mechanical design allows for easy adaptation to changing cabinet power densities. A building monitoring system monitors all critical infrastructure and provides real-time alerting and trending to ensure the proper health and operation of the environment. The facility is secured with third-party security guard services, a multi-security zone access control system, including biometrics, and a digital video surveillance system. The facility is also staffed 24 x 7 x 365 by Windstream Hosted Solutions' data center operations staff who provide remote hands and eyes support and frontline troubleshooting.

For more information about Windstream Hosted Solutions, visit [windstreambusiness.com/hosted](http://windstreambusiness.com/hosted).

#### About Windstream

Windstream Corp. (Nasdaq:WIN), 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 [www.windstream.com](http://www.windstream.com).

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