



## Windstream Names New VPs of Direct Sales for Southeast Region

### Todd Klas and Andy Drotleff Join Windstream Business Sales Organization

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., July 19, 2011 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Windstream Corp.](#) (Nasdaq:WIN) has named Todd Klas and Andy Drotleff as vice presidents of direct sales for their respective regions.

Klas will be based in Charlotte, N.C., and is responsible for business sales teams in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and parts of Florida. He has experience in training, recruiting, sales, and sales management, and has a bachelor's degree in IT from the University of Phoenix.

Drotleff will be based in Tampa, Fla., and is responsible for business sales teams in Florida, Louisiana and coastal Alabama and Mississippi. His background includes 13 years' experience in sales management, and he also has experience in telecom operations.

"I am thrilled to have both Andy and Todd join Windstream," said Windstream Executive Vice President of Business Sales John Leach. "Under their leadership Windstream is poised to make great strides in sales and improving the customer experience."

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#### 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 [www.windstream.com](http://www.windstream.com).

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