



Windstream President and CEO Jeff Gardner to Speak at Bank of America Merrill Lynch Conference

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Jeff Gardner, president and chief executive officer of Windstream (NYSE: WIN), will speak at 1:15 p.m. CDT on Thursday, Sept. 10 at the 2009 Bank of America Merrill Lynch Media, Communications & Entertainment Conference in Marina del Rey, Calif.

A live webcast of the event will be available at www.windstream.com/investors on the day of the conference. The webcast will be archived on the Web site until Oct. 20.

About Windstream

Windstream Corporation is an S&P 500 company that provides phone, high-speed Internet and high-definition digital TV services to customers in 16 states. The company also offers a wide range of IP-based voice and data services and advanced phone systems and equipment to businesses and government agencies. The company has approximately 3 million access lines and about \$3.1 billion in annual revenues. Windstream is ranked 4th in the 2009 BusinessWeek 50 ranking of the best performing U.S. companies. For more information about Windstream, visit www.windstream.com.