



Windstream offers ConnectStream Secure for small and medium business customers

Comprehensive, affordable managed security solution protects businesses from wide array of Internet attacks

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Windstream (NYSE: WIN) is now offering ConnectStream Secure, a high-performance yet affordable managed security product for small and medium business customers.

Small businesses may think they are too small to be targeted for a cyber attack, but network security is more important than ever. New vulnerabilities arise every day, and an attack can put businesses at risk for losing important data, halting employee productivity and damaging a company's reputation. Increasingly, skilled and motivated hackers are targeting small and medium businesses to gather valuable business data from their systems using stealthy exploits.

ConnectStream Secure unifies stand-alone security services, such as anti-virus protection, firewalls and intrusion prevention and detection, into a single threat-management solution for small businesses. ConnectStream Secure goes beyond protecting PC desktops. It defends the entire office computing environment, including application servers, network printers and wireless LAN devices, against the latest generation of Internet threats.

With ConnectStream Secure, small businesses now have access to a robust security solution that protects their networks in real time from the latest outbreak of Internet threats, including viruses, trojans, botnets, spyware, and application vulnerabilities. The product is convenient, simple and affordable for small and medium businesses and is a fully managed solution with 24/7 support.

"Internet security threats have increased and are constantly becoming more sophisticated," said Don Perkins, Windstream vice president of marketing. "Windstream is meeting the demand for an affordable security solution that provides advanced technology for even the smallest business customer."

The ConnectStream Secure Pro Bundle package is \$39.99 a month with a three-year contract, and provides a turnkey network security solution that includes a managed Internet gateway appliance that delivers ICASA-certified firewall, anti-virus and intrusion prevention services along with customer-friendly security reports.

The ConnectStream Secure Power Bundle package is \$79.99 a month with a three-year contract and delivers all the core security features of the Pro Bundle, plus productivity-enhancing multi-site IPSec Virtual Private Networks and remote access capabilities.

Customers also can add encrypted 802.11 b/g WiFi access and/or web content filtering to either security package. For further product information and to check availability, visit www.windstream.com.

About Windstream

Windstream Corporation is an S&P 500 company that provides high-speed Internet, digital phone and high-definition video and entertainment services to residential and business customers in 16 states. The company has approximately 3 million access lines and about \$3.2 billion in annual revenues. Windstream is ranked 4th in the 2009 BusinessWeek 50 ranking of the best performing U.S. companies. For more information, visit www.windstream.com.