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Photo Release -- Windstream Names Lewis Langston CIO

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 26, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Windstream (Nasdaq:WIN) today announced the appointment of Lewis Langston as chief information officer. Langston succeeds Cindy Nash who is leaving the company to pursue other career interests. The changes are effective Feb. 2.

A photo accompanying this release is available at
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"Lewis' extensive telecommunications and technology experience will be a tremendous asset in our effort to provide a world-class experience to customers. He successfully led the effort to build the business infrastructure for a wireless company in an expedited manner. He also brings considerable expertise in designing and re-engineering processes to drive improvement," said Tony Thomas, president and chief executive officer.

"I also want to thank Cindy for her leadership and numerous contributions since joining the company through the merger with VALOR Communications Group. Cindy and I discussed her decision to leave earlier, and I am grateful to her for agreeing to stay on until a successor had been found," Tony said.

Langston served as chief information officer at Allied Wireless Communications Corporation from 2009 to 2013. The company was acquired by AT&T in September 2013. He most recently was an executive telecommunications and technology consultant.

Prior to joining Allied Wireless, Langston was executive vice president of process development and support at Alltel Corp. from 2003 to 2009. He also held a number of senior leadership roles at Alltel from 1998 to 2003 in financial services, operations support and IT service delivery. From 1984 to 1998, Langston held various programming and sales roles at Alltel Information Services.

Langston holds a bachelor of business administration degree in business analysis from Texas A&M University.

About Windstream

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