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Windstream Announces Network Enhancements in Georgia

Continued Investments in the State of Georgia Deliver Faster Speeds and More Reliable Network for Residents and Small Businesses

ATLANTA, March 02, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Windstream (Nasdaq:WIN), a leading provider of advanced network communications, announced today network enhancements in Georgia to meet growing consumer data usage demand and enhance the customer experience.

Since 2014, Windstream has invested more than \$80 million in broadband infrastructure throughout Georgia and expects to invest an additional \$38 million in 2016 to make available faster speeds, improved reliability and "future-proofing" of the core network. Key results to date include:

- | ~620,000 Georgia households serviceable by Windstream High Speed Internet;
- | ~93 percent of Georgia customers served by fiber-backed facilities; and
- | ~75 percent of households in Georgia serviceable by 10 Mbps or greater, a figure expected to reach 84 percent by year-end.

"Windstream's commitment to Georgia has never been stronger," said Sarah Day, president of consumer and small business for Windstream. "We have accomplished a lot in the past several years, but we are not satisfied to stop here. Our work will continue in 2016 to deliver faster, more reliable connections to residents and small businesses."

Throughout 2016, Windstream will deploy technology with new capabilities, including software that extends faster speeds further in the network.

In addition to improved network reliability and enhanced speeds, nearly 20 percent of Windstream customers in the state can now access premium speeds of up to 100 Mbps. To learn how you can take advantage of Windstream's faster network, please call (866) 444-2841 or visit www.Windstream.com.

About Windstream

Windstream Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ:WIN), a FORTUNE 500 company, is a leading provider of advanced network communications and technology solutions for consumers, small businesses, enterprise organizations and carrier partners across the U.S. Windstream offers bundled services, including broadband, security solutions, voice and digital TV to consumers. The company also provides data, cloud solutions, unified communications and managed services to business and enterprise clients. The company supplies core transport solutions on a local and long-haul fiber-optic network spanning approximately 125,000 miles. Additional information is available at windstream.com. Please visit our newsroom at news.windstream.com or follow us on Twitter at [@WindstreamNews](https://twitter.com/WindstreamNews).

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