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Leading global airline selects Windstream's encrypted wavelength solution to scale, secure and transform its IT organization

Airline turns to Windstream to integrate sophisticated analytics & encrypted optical network solutions to improve business continuity, security & the overall customer experience

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Sept. 26, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Windstream](#) (NASDAQ:WIN), a leading provider of advanced network communications, today announced that a major U.S.-based airline serving more than 50 countries has selected it to provide consulting and communications solutions that will transform the airline's IT experience. Working with its optical networking partner, Ciena, Windstream will provide next generation optical encryption services to evolve the airline's IT infrastructure. Optical encryption gives the organization increased security, business continuity and an improved overall technology experience for both employees and passengers.

As part of the engagement, Windstream will build a ubiquitous IT ecosystem for the airline that includes high-speed encrypted optical Wavelength Services, dedicated Ethernet Internet Access and Cloud Connect solutions that provide highly secure connectivity to major Cloud Service Providers (CSPs) including Amazon Web Services, Microsoft Azure, IBM Bluemix, Google Cloud, Oracle Fast Connect and Salesforce.

"The airline industry is one of the most dynamic and challenging environments from an IT perspective, and we are honored that our customer selected us as their consulting and communications partner," said Joseph Harding, executive vice president and enterprise chief marketing officer at Windstream. "This is an extraordinary assignment that gives us the opportunity to transform the business in a way that will improve functions ranging from ticketing agents to aircraft maintenance to training. The customer has asked us to help them 'get big fast,' and our advanced data and communications solutions will help them do just that."

The Windstream solution will provide the airline's data center connectivity with a backbone that will allow them to securely conduct the airline's most critical IT applications. As a result, real-time analytics will ensure IT can meet anticipated and unanticipated demand. Additionally, deployment of an encrypted wavelength solution platform protects the airline's in-transit data without latency and provides an added layer of security against theft and disruption.

In addition to advanced network communications like Encrypted [Wavelength Services](#), Windstream offers a full suite of advanced network communications and technology solutions like [SD-WAN](#), [UCaaS](#), [Ethernet](#), [MPLS](#) and [dedicated high-speed Internet](#) along with voice and data services such as [VoIP](#) access and SIP trunking. Windstream also offers [managed services](#), [cloud connectivity](#) and [network security](#) services designed to help businesses increase productivity and improve operational costs. For more information, visit [windstreambusiness.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, businesses, enterprise organizations and wholesale customers 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 small business and enterprise clients. The company supplies core transport solutions on a local and long-haul fiber network spanning approximately 150,000 miles. Additional information is available at [windstream.com](#). Please visit our newsroom at [news.windstream.com](#) or follow us on Twitter at [@Windstream](#).

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