

Windstream's Sean Baillie to Speak at International Telecoms Week Conference

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 11, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Sean Baillie, Windstream's senior vice president of national accounts and fiber services, will be speaking as part of a roundtable discussion at the International Telecoms Week (ITW) Conference, taking place in Chicago from May 13-16, 2012.

His session is titled "Accessing Remote and Rural Enterprise Verticals: Confronting Carrier-Grade Connectivity Challenges."

The roundtable will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 15. The session's focus includes emphasis on: U.S. connectivity problems past and present; evaluating opportunities for the enterprise; strategies and applications for accessing new enterprise verticals; identifying connectivity opportunities in remote regions; examining the technical case for microwave, and future carrier strategy for rural and remote builds.

Windstream currently owns and manages a nationwide fiber network totaling more than 115,000 miles. With a mix of metro, long-haul and diverse routes, the company's fiber network delivers high-capacity capabilities and a robust portfolio of advanced data, voice and network services. The sophisticated network delivery architecture supports rapid introduction of next generation services for evolving businesses, bringing more opportunities for technology innovation, cost savings, and productivity improvements.

About International Telecoms Week (ITW)

ITW provides the annual meeting point for the wholesale telecommunications community and offers various networking opportunities through meeting rooms, an integrated exhibit and bilateral table area, and provides a wide range of conference sessions for attendees to benefit from. ITW provides multiple conference sessions with a wide range of high level speakers from carriers and service providers to help attendees understand the latest market developments — these include various regional roundtable discussions and specific company hosted topic-centric seminars.

More information on ITW can be found at <http://www.internationaltelecomsweek.com/>

About Windstream

Windstream Corp. (Nasdaq:WIN) is a leading provider of advanced network communications, including cloud computing and managed services, to businesses nationwide. The company also offers broadband, phone and digital TV services to consumers primarily in rural areas. Windstream has more than \$6 billion in annual revenues and is listed on the S&P 500 index. For more information, visit www.windstream.com.

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