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Windstream Announces Fixed Wireless Availability in Cleveland

Enterprise-Class, High-Speed Connectivity Offers Alternative for Business Customers

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Sept. 16, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Windstream (NASDAQ:WIN), a leading provider of advanced network and cloud communications, today announced the launch of its Fixed Wireless technology solution in Cleveland, Oh. This solution provides carrier-grade Ethernet and Internet-over-Ethernet connectivity delivered by digital microwave technology, and is currently offered in Chicago, Ill., New York, N.Y., Northern New Jersey, N.J., Milwaukee, Wis., Boston, Mass, and Philadelphia, PA.

"Windstream's Fixed Wireless solution offers our Cleveland business customers network diversity, quick service installation and the high speed and security they're seeking," said Joseph Harding, Windstream's enterprise executive vice president and chief marketing officer. "This solution is an affordable alternative to fiber optic or traditional copper/coax networks and is an ideal fit for businesses in need of high-bandwidth, enterprise-class Ethernet connectivity, supported by our industry-certified dedicated account teams and engineers and backed by our 'smart solutions, personalized service' brand promise."

Windstream's Fixed Wireless supports Ethernet Virtual Private Line (EVPL) or Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) networks with Quality of Service (QoS) and delivers scalable bandwidth for speeds up to 1Gps, as well as terrestrial diversity. With the use of digital microwave technology, Windstream externally installs a microwave radio on rooftops of business buildings and beams transmissions from one radio to another, delivering fast, reliable and secure business-grade Internet that does not interfere with buried utilities.

Backed by Windstream's Enterprise Data Service Level Agreement (SLA), 24x7 Network Operations Center (NOC) monitoring and field technician service, Windstream's Fixed Wireless solution is the next generation of Ethernet and Internet networking, offering benefits such as:

- **Network diversity.** Ethernet over Internet connectivity provides increased network security and reliability, minimizing downtime.
- **Reduced installation time.** Due to the nature of the digital microwave technology, installations can be completed in 30 days or fewer, compared to month-long fiber installations.
- **Minimal upfront investment.** The solution is fully managed with no high build-out costs.
- **Temporary service options.** Customers can deploy a scalable, secure on-demand Internet service for short-term events.

More information about Windstream's Fixed Wireless solution can be found at windstreambusiness.com/access.

About Windstream:

Windstream, a FORTUNE 500 company, is a leading provider of advanced network communications and technology solutions, 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. For more information, visit the company's online newsroom at news.windstream.com or follow on Twitter at [@WindstreamNews](https://twitter.com/WindstreamNews).

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