Windstream Celebrates Opening of Data Center in Nashville, Tenn.

Windstream’s Newest Center Offers Complete End-To-End Communications and Technology Solutions to Enterprise Customers in Nashville, Tenn.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Oct. 10, 2013 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Windstream Hosted Solutions, one of the nation's premier providers of enterprise-class managed hosted solutions, celebrated the opening of its Nashville, Tenn., data center last night, with exclusive tours of the facility and a reception at The Factory in Franklin, Tenn.

The new 22,000-square-foot, Tier 3-certified facility is the latest expansion in Windstream's nationwide network of data centers, accommodating the company's full suite of cloud computing, data storage and managed services. Leveraging its core nationwide IP network to provide a full suite of advanced network communications and technology solutions—including voice and data services such as VoIP, SIP trunking, MPLS and dedicated high-speed Internet—Windstream is uniquely positioned to be an end-to-end solutions provider for Nashville business customers, helping them manage IT resources and reduce costs.

Guests were treated to a private concert by Florida Georgia Line, the breakout duo made up of Brian Kelley (Ormond Beach, Fla.) and Tyler Hubbard (Monroe, Ga.).

"As more companies realize the benefits of cloud-based services, the demand for the industry-leading solutions that Windstream provides has skyrocketed," said Chris Nicolini, Windstream senior vice president of data center operations. "Our data centers are built to the highest specifications, and with the level of smart solutions and personalized service that Windstream offers, our Nashville data center customers are afforded the most secure and solid service available."

The data center boasts impressive features, which were highlighted during last night's exclusive tour:

- 10,000 sq. ft. of raised floor data center space;
- Tier 3 modular design for easy capacity expansion as needed;
- Secure customer cages and cabinets;
- 24x7 onsite support Network Operations Center (NOC) and engineering staff, providing facilities and network monitoring, security, and support;
- Multiple zone VESDA early warning systems for fire detection and suppression;
- Biometric security systems, including fingerprint scanning;
- Redundant A-side and B-side power feeds for each customer cabinet along with modular 1,200kW high-efficiency Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) systems;
- Two redundant 2,000kW Cummings generators each with 4,000 gallons of fuel; storage
- 2,500kVA of utility capacity expandable to 12,000kVA; and
- Outside air economization with integrated controls for high efficiency.

"This newest facility represents Windstream's commitment to providing our customers with the highest level of services and reliability they deserve as their business needs change," said Matt Preschern, Windstream's senior vice president and enterprise chief marketing officer. "Our personalized, high-touch approach, combined with technical expertise and uncommon level of solutions agility, gives our customers the peace of mind they should have when entrusting their mission-critical infrastructure and data to Windstream."

The Nashville facility is the latest in a series of data center announcements from Windstream, bringing the company's total number of centers to 27, with SSAE 16 and PCI DSS compliant enterprise data centers strategically positioned in various locations throughout the United States.

For more information about Windstream Hosted Solutions, visit www.windstreambusiness.com.

About Windstream

Windstream (Nasdaq:WIN), a FORTUNE 500 and S&P 500 company, 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. For more information, visit
About Florida Georgia Line

Florida Georgia Line has skyrocketed since releasing back-to-back, multi-week #1 smashes in the US and Canada with the GOLD-certified "Round Here," PLATINUM-certified "Get Your Shine On" and MULTI-PLATINUM "Cruise," which combined with the remix featuring Nelly has sold over 5.7 million downloads in the US alone. Breaking the record for longest #1 on *Billboard*'s Hot Country Songs Chart, "Cruise" is the second best-selling Country single ever, according to SoundScan. Amassing international appeal, FGL recently crossed a new career threshold -- tallying more than 10 million tracks sold worldwide from their debut album *HERE'S TO THE GOOD TIMES* (Republic Nashville), which has been certified PLATINUM in the US and GOLD in Canada. With their recent Country radio chart-topper, FGL is the only artist in history to join Brooks & Dunn to have their first three singles hit #1 for multiple weeks each. Garnering buzz among fans, media and several Superstars across genres — including Taylor Swift, Keith Urban and Ed Sheeran — the hot newcomers have taken home ACM and CMT Music Awards and garnered multiple TEEN CHOICE nominations. FGL recently earned their first-ever CMA Award nominations for Vocal Duo; New Artist of the Year; Single of the Year for "Cruise"; and Musical Event of the Year with Nelly for the remix of "Cruise." The awards show will air LIVE from the Bridgestone Arena in Nashville on November 6 at 8P ET/PT on ABC. They have performed on Conan, TODAY, The Voice, The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, LIVE with Kelly & Michael, Late Night with Jimmy Fallon and FOX & Friends, in addition to a presenter spot on the 2013 Billboard Music Awards. Comprised of Tyler Hubbard (Monroe, Georgia) and Brian Kelley (Ormond Beach, Florida), FGL has scored opening slots on Taylor Swift's THE RED TOUR and Luke Bryan's DIRT ROAD DIARIES TOUR. This fall, the breakout duo will embark on their first headline run, *HERE'S TO THE GOOD TIMES TOUR 2013.* [www.FloridaGeorgiaLine.com](http://www.FloridaGeorgiaLine.com)

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