Windstream Hosted Solutions Introduces Elastic Hybrid Cloud to Managed Services Portfolio

Elastic Hybrid Cloud Drives Agility and Efficiencies by Leveraging Existing Investments in Windstream's Private Cloud Solution

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., June 9, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Windstream Hosted Solutions, provider of cloud and data center solutions and part of Windstream (Nasdaq:WIN), a leading provider of advanced network communications, today announced the availability of its Elastic Hybrid Cloud as an enhancement to the Windstream Managed Private Cloud. Elastic Hybrid Cloud provides a bridge between private and public clouds, enabling greater data and application portability.

Windstream's Elastic Hybrid Cloud reduces costs by efficiently delivering resources to businesses through secure virtual data centers, leveraging existing investments and open standards to ensure interoperability and application portability between clouds. Windstream's Private Cloud customers can now manage data resources and workloads on demand by elastically bursting virtual machines from a private cloud to a public cloud. This feature ultimately allows customers to limit capital risk in software and hardware and leverage their hybrid cloud to scale capacity and meet on-demand computing needs.

"Elastic Hybrid Cloud truly creates an elastic environment, leveraging the best of public and private cloud worlds," said Rob Carter, vice president of data center marketing for Windstream. "While our Private Cloud offers a fully dedicated infrastructure and data storage, combined with enhanced security, Elastic Hybrid Cloud offers even greater agility, including bursting capabilities. Creating this highly flexible cloud product, offering even more processing capability, is a key element of our "smart solutions, personalized service" brand promise to our enterprise customers."

Driving agility, Windstream's Elastic Hybrid Cloud features a customized portal, allowing customers to self-deploy services with the click of a button. Customers can maintain both security and control of their private and multi-tenant environments with enhanced user controls. The elastic quality of the solution is ideal for customers seeking extra processing ability during peak seasons. Businesses held to regulatory compliance standards with requirements that prohibit running an entire application environment in the cloud, or businesses with limited physical infrastructure will find many advantages in this elastic solution.

Features of Windstream's Elastic Hybrid Cloud solution include:

- **Virtual Data Centers.** Provides isolation of internal organization or multi-tenancy, helping eliminate risks to internal or external customers.
- **Portal Access.** Offers a simpler and more intuitive management system for easier use.
- **Hybrid Cloud.** Enables customers to enjoy both the dedicated private cloud and the flexibility of public cloud.
- **Cloud Bursting.** Eliminates over-buying of private assets to handle peaks in usage.
- **Enhanced Security.** Delivers cost-effective and scalable network security solutions, including intrusion detection, Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) mitigation, web application firewall and more.
- **Internal Pay as you Go.** Captures data on how cloud resources are being allocated and utilized to increase efficiency.

"The seamless delivery of business functions is a vital requirement for a hybrid cloud," stated Al Sadowski, Research Director at 451 Research. "Windstream's Elastic Private Cloud offers flexibility to scale capacity from a private to public cloud environment. Enterprises are increasingly interested in this dynamic utilization of compute resources in order to drive more effective IT enablement."

Elastic Hybrid Cloud is supported at Windstream's cloud-enabled data centers and will be made available to Managed Private Cloud customers at no additional cost.

Windstream Hosted Solutions, with its growing nationwide network of 27 data centers, offers a robust cloud-computing solution that improves the efficiency and availability of IT resources and applications for enterprise businesses, allowing them to rapidly implement cloud services without capital investments so they can reshape their environment on demand. The Windstream Hosted Solutions suite includes public, private and hybrid cloud products, available to businesses nationwide. These managed and dedicated hosting solutions, combined with Windstream's full lineup of advanced network communications and technology products—including voice and data services such as VoIP, SIP trunking, MPLS, and dedicated high-speed internet—allow Windstream to offer its customers a complete set of integrated services.

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

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.

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