



Windstream hires 450 technicians to keep pace with customer demand for high-speed Kinetic Internet offerings

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Sept. 24, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Windstream (NASDAQ: WIN), a leading provider of advanced network communications and technology solutions, has hired 450 additional field technicians across 18 states in the past year. The new technicians will provide on-the-ground support to keep pace with growing demand from residential and small business customers for Windstream's new Kinetic services.

"Our significant network investments are enabling us to deliver our premium Kinetic services to more customers, and the response has been overwhelmingly positive. In fact, we have now seen six consecutive months of consumer broadband growth through August," said Jeff Small, president of consumer and small business for Windstream. "Delivering faster Internet speeds to more customers is an important part of our continuing commitment to bridge the urban/rural connectivity divide for the communities we serve – creating jobs and improving the customer experience."

Windstream projects hiring as many as 100 more technicians before year-end, growing its local tech field force to nearly 3,000.

Kinetic by Windstream provides best-in-class Internet and entertainment experiences, delivering more speed to more customers so they can readily stream, surf and download on multiple devices at the same time.

Kinetic's premium service portfolio includes:

- **Kinetic Internet:** Flexible plans on a reliable network with speeds of 25-100 Mbps or higher for streaming video, downloading music and photos and connecting with friends and family.
- **Kinetic Gig:** Ultra-fast speeds of 1 Gbps delivered over a 100 percent fiber-optic network, enabling the fastest access to all online entertainment and business needs.
- **Kinetic TV:** Access to entertainment content (TV shows, events & movies) at home or on the go.
- **Kinetic Business Solutions:** Customizable solutions that ensure business continuity, advanced communications and maximum reliability for small and medium-sized businesses.

To learn more about Kinetic by Windstream, please visit kinetic.windstream.com.

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About Windstream

Windstream Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ: WIN), a FORTUNE 500 company, is a leading provider of advanced network communications and technology solutions. Windstream provides data networking, core transport, security, unified communications and managed services to mid-market, enterprise and wholesale customers across the U.S. The company also offers broadband, entertainment and security services for consumers and small and medium-sized businesses primarily in rural areas in 18 states. Services are delivered over multiple network platforms including a nationwide IP network, our proprietary cloud core architecture and on a local and long-haul fiber network spanning approximately 150,000 miles. Additional information is available at windstream.com or windstreamenterprise.com. Please visit our newsroom at news.windstream.com or follow us on Twitter at @Windstream or @WindstreamBiz.

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