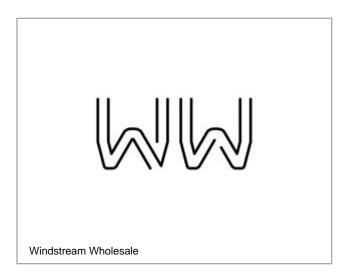


Windstream Wholesale invests in core network to expand services for international traffic

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Oct. 02, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- <u>Windstream Wholesale</u>, a leading provider of advanced network communications, today announced that it will expand its core network into NJFX's international landing station in Wall Township, N.J., adding capacity to Ashburn, Va.; Newark/New York City, and other major data center markets.



"This buildout with its connections to Wall Township, N.J., will provide enterprises, international carriers and content providers fast access from our coast-to-coast network to major subsea cable systems. Our network expansion strategy also includes easy access to other international networks through our links in Texas and South Florida and to Asia Pacific cable systems on the West Coast," said Joe Scattareggia, executive vice president of Wholesale at Windstream Enterprise and Wholesale.

This new core network route will utilize Infinera's DTN-X to create express routes to these locations resulting in better latency and network scalability that ultimately results in improved performance and savings for Windstream Wholesale customers. Windstream expects to begin turning up these routes in the fourth quarter of 2018.

"Innovation is the heart of our business, and our partnership with Windstream Wholesale is an example of how we can help companies respond more quickly to bandwidth demands and ensure their customers stay ahead of the competition," said Dr. Dave Welch, Infinera co-founder, chief strategy and technology officer and director.

In addition to <u>Wavelengths</u>, <u>Ethernet Solutions</u> and <u>Dedicated Internet Access</u>, Windstream Enterprise & Wholesale offers a range of complementary network and communications solutions to wholesale and resale customers including <u>SD-WAN Wholesale</u>, proprietary <u>OfficeSuite White Label</u> and <u>Cloud SIP and PRI</u> that are collectively designed to help wholesale customers increase productivity, improve ROI and win. More at <u>windstreamwholesale.com</u>.

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 windstream.com or follow us on Twitter at @Windstream.com or follow us on Twitter at @Windstream.com or windstream.com or follow us on Twitter at @Windstream.com or windstream.com or follow us on Twitter at @Windstream.com or windstream.com or follow us on Twitter

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