

Deal between Windstream Enterprise and major national purchasing co-op is good news for schools, public agencies

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New contract with TIPS means a wide variety of educational institutions and government entities will be assured of high-quality network and communications solutions at the best price



LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Oct. 23, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- A wide range of schools and government agencies at multiple levels now have access to the most favorable pricing, terms and conditions — and a welcome measure of budget relief — on purchases of network and communications solutions as a result of a new contract agreement between <u>Windstream Enterprise</u> and The Interlocal Purchasing System (<u>TIPS</u>) purchasing cooperative.

The contract award follows a highly competitive bidding process that grants Windstream Enterprise status as a premier provider of network and communications solutions for TIPS members. This represents a major advantage for TIPS members who can conveniently and confidently procure network and communications solutions through the purchasing cooperative, and do so without conducting their own due diligence, a potentially time-consuming and resource-intensive undertaking. Instead, that due diligence is handled up-front by TIPS.

This service is free for eligible education and government entities that join TIPS, and Windstream Enterprise's contract ensures that co-op members, many of which face serious budget constraints, can procure network and communications solutions with the confidence that they're getting the best price and support from a highly-experienced solution provider.

Windstream Enterprise offers a variety of services including <u>SD-WAN ConciergeTM</u>, its proprietary <u>OfficeSuite UC®</u>, industry-leading Wi-Fi and contact center services. It also offers a range of complementary network and communications solutions including <u>integrated network security</u>, access, transport and business continuity solutions including Cloud Connect, Wavelength Services with Optical Encryption, <u>Ethernet</u> and <u>Fixed Wireless</u> that are collectively designed to help businesses increase productivity, improve ROI and win. More at <u>windstreamenterprise.com</u>.

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