



Windstream Named Mitel's Top U.S. Channel Partner of the Year

Windstream Recognized for Outstanding Business Performance and Customer Satisfaction

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., June 28, 2011 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Windstream Corp.](#) (Nasdaq:WIN) has been named as [Mitel's](#) Top Revenue Channel Partner of the Year, Enterprise Channel Partner of the Year and Service Provider Channel Partner of the Year, in the U.S. region.

The annual awards were formally presented at the Mitel Business Partner Conference 2011 at The Westin Diplomat Resort & Spa in Hollywood, Fla., on June 3. Channel partners from around the world were recognized for their outstanding business performance, customer satisfaction, increased revenue performance, technical expertise, and overall growth in FY 2011.

As Mitel's Top Revenue Channel Partner of the Year in the U.S. region, Windstream exemplifies the highest levels of business performance, expertise, sales achievement and customer satisfaction that Mitel seeks in its channel partners. This recognition places Windstream as a Mitel Diamond Partner – the highest level a Partner can achieve.

"Windstream is proud to combine efforts with Mitel in offering a broad portfolio of unified communications solutions to respond to the diverse needs of our customers, both large and small," said Don Perkins, Vice President of Business Marketing for Windstream.

By partnering with Mitel, Windstream can offer the productivity enhancing solutions, such as call center functionality and advanced mobility, required by larger enterprise customers. Additionally, Mitel and Windstream can deliver cost saving solutions that enable businesses of all sizes to more easily retain, attract and connect to their own customers.

"Windstream is leading the way in the US markets in delivering Mitel's best in class solution of unified communications and collaboration," said Rich McBee, CEO of Mitel. "We congratulate Windstream on achieving some of Mitel's highest partner recognitions as well as becoming our top Diamond Partner."

Windstream's premises-based equipment and application offerings provide customers with competitive pricing, flexible payment options, and seamless implementation with a single point-of-contact for service and repairs. For more information about Windstream's converged communication solutions, or any of Windstream's next-generation data services, visit www.windstreambusiness.com.

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About Windstream

Windstream Corp., headquartered in Little Rock, Ark., is an S&P 500 communications and technology solutions provider with operations in 29 states and the District of Columbia and about \$4 billion in annual revenues. Windstream provides IP-based voice and data services, MPLS networking, data center and managed hosting services and communication systems to businesses and government agencies. The company also delivers broadband, digital phone and high-definition TV services to residential customers primarily located in rural areas and operates a local and long-haul fiber network spanning approximately 60,000 route miles. For more information about Windstream, visit www.windstream.com.

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About Mitel

Mitel (Nasdaq:MITL) is a global provider of business communications and collaboration software and services. Mitel's Freedom architecture provides the flexibility and simplicity organizations need to support today's dynamic work environment. Through a single cloud-ready software stream, Mitel delivers a powerful suite of advanced communications and collaboration capabilities that provides freedom from walled garden architectures and enables organizations to implement best-of-breed solutions on any network; extends the "in-office" experience anywhere, on any device; and offers choice of commercial options to fit business needs. For more information, visit: <http://www.mitel.com>

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