



PINNACLE Receives 2011 INTERNET TELEPHONY TEM Excellence Award

Enterprise Business Intelligence Software Recognized as Outstanding TEM Solution

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—Windstream Corp. (Nasdaq: WIN) announced today that TMC, a global integrated media company, has named PINNACLE Enterprise as a recipient of the 2011 INTERNET TELEPHONY TEM Excellence Award.

The software offers a complete service lifecycle management solution designed to streamline the support and delivery of all telecom and IT services, while also providing powerful business intelligence to help organizations manage assets, allocate resources, and control costs.

“PINNACLE software has driven tremendous efficiency for hundreds of large businesses, universities, healthcare institutions, and government entities,” said John Chapman, Windstream senior vice president of software. “PINNACLE can dramatically improve the effectiveness and productivity of telecom operations, particularly in the enterprise environment, which is its ‘sweet spot.’”

“PINNACLE has been recognized with an INTERNET TELEPHONY TEM Excellence Award for its achievements in advancing TEM solutions and providing quality solutions in the marketplace,” said Erik Linask, Editorial Director of INTERNET TELEPHONY.

“We are pleased to present PINNACLE with a 2011 INTERNET TELEPHONY TEM Excellence Award. PINNACLE Enterprise has proven its benefits and advancement of TEM, and has delivered valuable solutions for its customers,” stated Rich Tehrani, CEO, TMC.

Formerly a solution provided by PAETEC Holding Corp., which was acquired by Windstream in December of last year, PINNACLE software represents an area of expected growth for the combined company. “We will continue to invest in PINNACLE software in 2012 to better meet our customers’ needs,” added Chapman.

The Third Annual INTERNET TELEPHONY TEM Excellence Award winners are published in the December 2011 issue of INTERNET TELEPHONY magazine, www.itmag.com.

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phone and digital TV services to consumers primarily in rural areas. Windstream has more than \$6 billion in annual revenues and is listed on the S&P 500 index. For more information, visit www.windstream.com.

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