



## Consolidated Communications Launches Next-Generation Cloud Secure

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### Enhancements provide businesses with greater bandwidth throughput, new security review to assess risk

MATTOON, Ill., April 17, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Consolidated Communications](#) (NASDAQ: CNSL), a leading broadband and business communications provider today announced it has bolstered its [Cloud Secure](#) solution for businesses by adding new, geographically diverse Cloud Secure environments and offering a new [Security Lifecycle Review](#) to provide businesses a customized report of security threats and vulnerabilities on their networks. The Company is also expanding Cloud Secure to businesses in its Northern New England service area.

Cloud Secure is a fully-managed security solution that addresses the most sophisticated security threats with innovative technology that combines the latest breakthroughs in security, automation and analytics. The solution uniquely integrates next-gen firewall capabilities, advanced endpoint protection and threat intelligence to mitigate risk and provide customers greater control and visibility of their networks.

"Sixty-one percent of small and medium-sized businesses have experienced a breach in the last 12 months, with the cost for small businesses to clean up after a breach averaging \$690,000 and mitigation costs for middle market companies reaching over \$1 million," said Doug Abolt, vice president of commercial product management at Consolidated Communications. "It's crucial for businesses of all sizes to have a solid solution in place to secure their networks, protect critical business and customer data, and to reduce security incident response times. Consolidated Communications has experienced teams in place to help businesses understand their security risks and the solution to improve their overall security strategies."

Consolidated's Cloud Secure solution has been enhanced with new environments that will increase bandwidth throughput for an even better customer experience. Additionally, the newly offered [Security Lifecycle Review](#) generates a customized report detailing risks and threats that are traveling across the business' network by passively monitoring network activity for up to 10 days. Consolidated's experienced engineers help businesses understand their vulnerabilities revealed in the report and how Consolidated's Cloud Secure can help them mitigate risk.

Research by Palo Alto Networks finds that more than 75,000 new malware files are identified every day. As cyber criminals become more sophisticated in how they attack a business' network and data, it's critical to have preventative measures in place to mitigate the risk of data exposure, breaches and noncompliance. Consolidated Communications has advanced capabilities in risk discovery, data loss prevention and advanced threat protection, helping businesses to maintain compliance while preventing data leaks and business disruption with a cloud-delivered deployment.

Backed by Consolidated's Advanced Services Team, businesses can trust Consolidated Communications for security and business communications needs so they can maintain focus on executing their day-to-day operations.

### About Consolidated Communications

[Consolidated Communications](#) Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ: CNSL) is a leading broadband and business communications provider serving consumers, businesses, and wireless and wireline carriers across rural and metro communities and a 23-state service area. Leveraging an advanced fiber network spanning 37,000 fiber route miles, Consolidated Communications offers a wide range of communications solutions, including: high-speed Internet, data, phone, security, managed services, cloud services and wholesale, carrier solutions. From our first connection 125 years ago, Consolidated is dedicated to turning technology into solutions, connecting people and enriching how they work and live. Visit [www.consolidated.com](http://www.consolidated.com) for more information.

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