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Press Release

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Consonus Selected to Safeguard Western Governors University's Core Systems and Network Infrastructure

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SALT LAKE CITY, June 8 /PRNewswire/ -- AllWaysOn(TM) Data center, Risk Management and IT managed services company Consonus and Western Governors University have agreed on a 5-year partnership to host WGU's technology application infrastructure.

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Consonus is safeguarding WGU's high-tech systems and vital network in its South data center. WGU's servers interface with thousands of students in 50 states and 10 foreign countries. The University's core systems and network infrastructure will be protected from security threats and natural disasters within Consonus' highly redundant facility, which includes multi-level security, massive back-up power for emergencies and base isolation to sustain operations in a 7.5 magnitude earthquake.

Consonus operates with a unique blend of security expertise, best practices, and world class, disaster-proof data centers and technology systems in six states; Utah, Colorado, Ohio, Texas,

Indiana and Arizona. "We are very excited to maintain Western Governors University's applications and systems reliability within the Consonus infrastructure. Our high availability data centers and risk management solutions will safeguard the university's mission critical applications and ensure 100% uptime delivery to their students and faculty members," says Consonus COO Daniel Milburn.

The Consonus partnership comes as WGU also upgrades storage and delivery systems with Sun Microsystems and Qwest. WGU president Robert Mendenhall says this is a crucial step for WGU, which continues to grow at a rapid rate. The university saw a 60% increase in enrollment and the number of graduates increased more than 200% in the past year. "We choose Consonus' tier4 facility specifically to ensure 100% systems availability to our students and faculty. No other provider in the Intermountain states could compete with their high availability design and reputation for truly delivering 100% uptime," said Bob Mendenhall.

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Consonus has also become a member of the WGU National Advisory Board, joining 22 other major corporations and foundations which support WGU.

About Western Governors University (WGU)

WGU is the only accredited university in the U.S. offering online competency-based degree programs. The private non-profit university was founded and is supported by 19 governors, as well as over 20 leading corporations and foundations. WGU offers bachelor's and master's degrees in business, information technology, and teacher education. More information is available at www.wgu.edu.

For more information about Consonus visit www.consonus.com or call 1-888-452-8000.

About Consonus

Fortune 100 organizations to small businesses use Consonus to help them protect and maintain the confidentiality, integrity and availability of their corporate data. Consonus is a national leader in managed IT services through its AllWaysOn(TM) Data Center facilities and risk management and business continuity solutions.

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