

## **WINDWARD SOFTWARE COMMITS TO CLOUD PLATFORM**

Current focus is developing *Windward System Five on Cloud*

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**PENTICTON, BC, September 10, 2018** – Windward Software has announced a commitment to the development and sales of its cloud-based business management solution: *Windward System Five on Cloud*.

Until late 2017, the company had focused development and sales on its client server-based solution, **Windward System Five** (aka its “**Classic Desktop**” version). Most Windward Software clients currently use the Classic version; however, given the numerous benefits associated with cloud, the company is eager to work with customers to facilitate a transition to its new cloud environment.

The transition from Classic to Cloud is **straight-forward**, as evidenced by the successful conversions already undertaken by numerous Windward Software clients. The company prides itself on working closely with its customers to complete this change.

“A cloud environment represents a distinct and sustained opportunity for Windward Software to enhance the user experience of *Windward System Five*, as well as to optimize such factors as data security, system updating, system speed, and integrated mobile device functionality,” stated Windward Software Founder & CEO, **Dennis Jacobsen**. “That said, it is important to note, that although Windward Software is focusing on cloud, we will continue to support Classic Desktop users into the future, until they are ready to transition. This is no different from the time when the company moved from DOS to Windows and we continued to support DOS customers for as long as was necessary.”

Although the look and feel of *Windward System Five on Cloud* will be familiar, there are significant advantages to the cloud-based solution. A new sales dashboard, fully encrypted data, automatic backups, unassisted updates and increased mobility comprise some of the benefits over and above the Classic Desktop system.

In addition, *Windward System Five on Cloud* clients will no longer need to use a local server at their business to operate the system. The solution is integrated with and operates in **Microsoft Azure**'s secure cloud data centers and is accessed by a reliable internet connection.

The company is currently encouraging *System Five* Classic Desktop clients to move to its *Windward System Five on Cloud*. If customers transition by **October 31, 2018, then all onboarding fees will be waived**. Businesses that are new to Windward Software are advised to contact the company's Business Development sales team by calling **+1 (800) 663-5750** or e-mailing [sales@windwardsoftware.com](mailto:sales@windwardsoftware.com).

### **ABOUT WINDWARD SOFTWARE**

Founded in 1984, Windward Software currently serves over 4,400 business clients in 33 countries, and operates four offices worldwide, including its headquarters in Penticton, British Columbia, Canada, and satellite offices in Chicago, Illinois, Brisbane, Australia, and Cebu City, Philippines. The company's flagship product, *Windward System Five*, operates in businesses that sell, service, or rent. It is used by businesses active in, but not limited to: Furniture, Appliance, Consumer Electronics, Lighting, Rentals, Healthcare, Garden Centers, and Powersports. [windwardsoftware.com](http://windwardsoftware.com)

