

## Background in Telecommunications Industry'

Allstream is a leader in business communications throughout North America. Founded over 170 years ago in parallel with Canada's first transcontinental railroad, the company quickly grew to provide services to destination points spanning 3,100 miles coast-to-coast. No company lasts that long without knowing a thing or two about innovation. Allstream continually re-invented itself to remain a leading provider of business communication services. Allstream's offerings include a range of innovative, highly scalable, managed services including voice and collaboration, connectivity and managed IT services for enterprise customers. We combine scalable solutions with exceptional customer service to deliver the latest technology, and we're positioned to help our customers accelerate into the future.

In 2006, Allstream was the first in Canada to offer a SIP Trunking solution, (a voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) technology and streaming media service based on the Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) by which Internet telephony service providers (ITSPs) deliver telephone services and unified communications to customers equipped with SIP-based private branch exchange (IP-PBX) and unified communications facilities). In 2013, Allstream announced the country's first hosted collaboration solution, followed in 2015 with the first cross-border HCS.

In 2016, Allstream became part of Zayo Group, and in 2017, Zayo acquired Electric Lightwave/Integra Telecom.

In 2017 Zayo Group integrated the voice and small business assets of Allstream and Electric Lightwave/Integra Telecom under the Allstream brand and established Allstream as a separate operating subsidiary. Following Zayo Group's privatization in 2020, led by EQT and Digital Colony, a new board of directors was established for Allstream.