



Norwegian Coastal Administration select Maritime Information Systems AS (MARIS) for supply of up to 270 ECDIS 900 based systems for the Norwegian Pilots.



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Described as a pioneer project of international dimension, the Norwegian Coastal Administration has selected MARIS of Norway for the supply of up to 270 ECDIS systems for the Norwegian Pilots.

The Administration evaluated ECDIS systems from 15 international suppliers pre-qualifying 10 of these for an international tender to which 7 companies responded to a detailed requirement specification. This specification called for the selected system to retain all of the functionality in a type approved ECDIS system and for the development of additional functionality specific to Pilot requirements in the littoral waters of the Norwegian Coast. Included is the development of user-friendly update facilities for chart data updates together with PRIMAR.

The system is supplied with the latest IBM-X40 portable computer (PC) weighing in at 1.5 kilo and offering 6 hours battery operation. A Bluetooth "Wireless Cable" has been developed and is supplied with the system allowing pilots to connect to the onboard AIS system and receive and display data from this system on the PC. Additional libraries enable Pilots to build vessel and route data Bases, together with area specific data bases and local internet connection allows access to all AIS targets in Norwegian Coastal waters. Tidal data is provided through the access of tidal data form the Norwegian Hydrographical Office.

In a summary of the evaluation criteria for the tender MARIS was considered to have the best offer in consideration of overall product, service and support. Special consideration was given to the simple and easily comprehended Man-Machine-Interface and flexible menu structure of the MARIS ECDIS900 and in particular the means for download of ENC updates developed by MARIS.

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