

Automatic Power, Inc teams with Northrop Grumman Corporation to Win U. S. Coast Guard National Automatic Information System (NAIS) Contract

The U. S. Coast Guard has awarded Northrop Grumman Corporation a National AIS (NAIS) contract. The award is valued at \$12M, with options totaling \$70M, for the design, integration, installation and testing of the Coast Guard's NAIS. NAIS will be a two-way maritime digital communication system, which will continually transmit and receive voiceless exchange of vessel data, including vessel identity, position, speed, course, destination and other data of critical interest for navigation safety, marine mobility and maritime security. The program will focus on improving maritime security, marine and navigational safety, search and rescue, and environmental protection services. In addition, data collected by NAIS will be combined with other government intelligence and surveillance data to form a holistic view of maritime situational awareness, in part by identifying vessels still hundreds of miles offshore.

Automatic Power –Pharos Marine will provide its low-power **ATONIS AIS Repeater** stations in areas where AIS signal reception is not available due to remoteness of the location or lack of available power. Other members of the Northrop Grumman team include **True Heading AB**, Stockholm, Sweden, partially owned by **Automatic Power, Inc**; Allied Technology Group, Inc., Rockville, Md.; CACI International, Inc., Arlington, Va.; Washington Group International, Inc., Boise, Idaho; ICAN, Inc., Dallas; Broadpoint, Inc., New Orleans; and GTSI Corp., Chantilly, Va.

Automatic Power, Inc – Pharos Marine was previously awarded two, multi-year, multi-million dollar EU AIS Aton contracts with the Northern Lighthouse Board and the GLA (UK, Scotland/Wales, Ireland), establishing itself as the leader in AIS Aids to Navigation solutions.