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Space Norway and SubCom Announce Contract-in-Force for Arctic Way Cable System

SubCom to design, manufacture, and install new high-speed connection from the Norwegian mainland to Jan Mayen and Svalbard; will be the world's northernmost subsea cable system

Oslo, NORWAY and Newington, NH, USA – May 1, 2025 – [Space Norway](#) and [SubCom](#) today announced that a contract is in-force for the survey, design, supply and installation of the Arctic Way Cable System. Providing necessary route diversity to a region with rapidly increasing data traffic demands, the new system will become a critical asset for transmitting data between the Norwegian mainland, Jan Mayen, and the Svalbard archipelago.

SubCom will produce the components for Arctic Way at its manufacturing campus in Newington, NH, USA. The trunk-and-branch, repeatered system will be approximately 2,350 km in length with direct shore end landings in Bodø, Norway, Jan Mayen, and Longyearbyen, Svalbard. Located entirely within the Arctic Circle (between 67-78°N), the system will be the world's northernmost subsea cable system and will be installed by one of SubCom's polar-certified, Reliance Class cable ships.

“Establishing the new Arctic Way cable system is imperative to ensure that data connectivity for the Arctic community is effective and uninterrupted for decades to come,” said Morten Tengs, CEO of Space Norway. “We are confident that SubCom’s proven track record in managing projects in the Arctic region make them the ideal partner for this project and we are very pleased to reach this important milestone.”

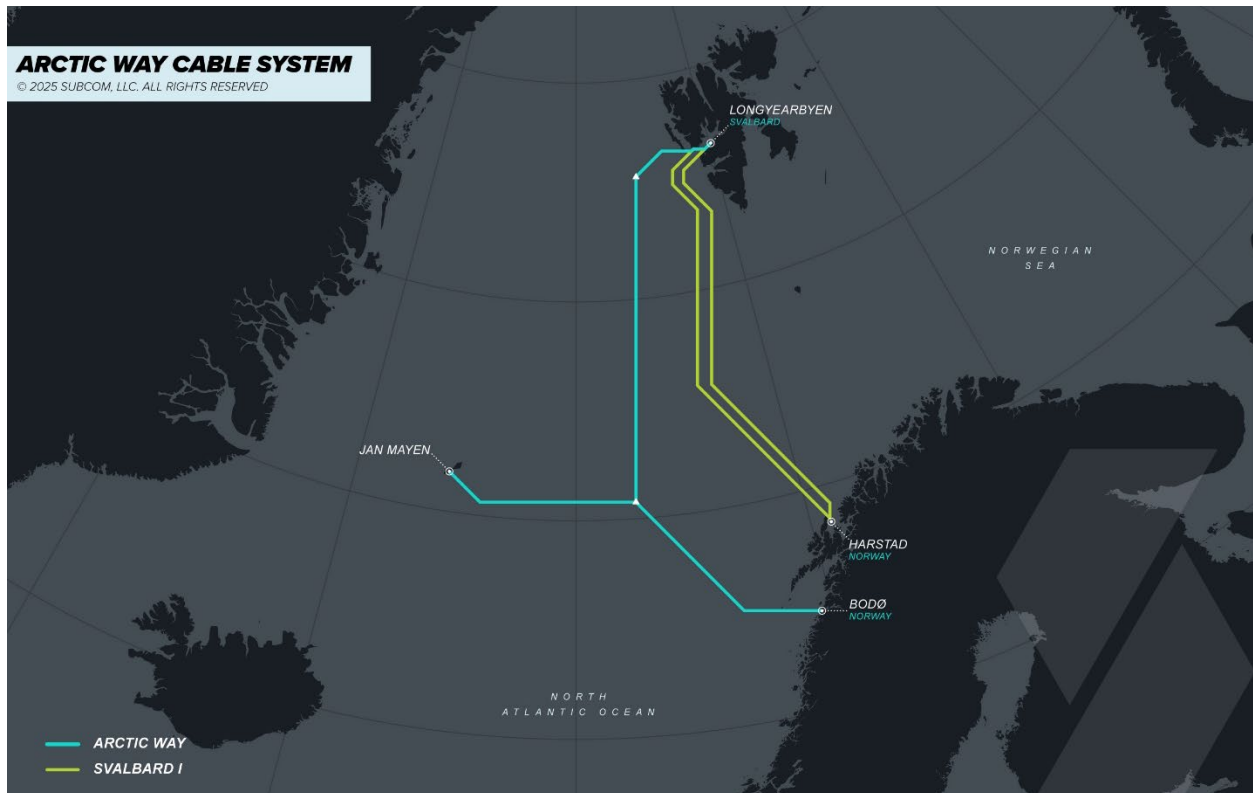
“Having supplied the original Svalbard cable system, SubCom has had a working relationship with Space Norway for decades, and we are privileged to extend that partnership with the new Arctic Way Cable System,” said David Coughlan, CEO of SubCom. “Our experience with the customer and our expertise in the region – one of the most unique marine environments on the planet – will enable SubCom to efficiently produce and deploy this critical subsea cable infrastructure on behalf of Space Norway.”

“While establishing new subsea cable infrastructure, we will continue to utilize the two existing cables to Svalbard as long as they remain functional, serving as a backup for Arctic Way. Although these cables are approaching the end of their 25-year service

lifespan, we expect them to remain operational for several years past 2028,” explains Rune Jensen, Director of Subsea Cable Systems at Space Norway.

The Arctic Way Cable System is expected to be ready for service by Q2 2028.

System Map



About Space Norway

Space Norway is Northern Europe’s leading satellite operator and a key player in the European space industry. We provide advanced and reliable satellite solutions to governments, public and defence sectors, commercial maritime, land-based industries, and major broadcasters.

Our hybrid infrastructure, comprising satellites, teleports, fibre networks, and subsea cables, enables us to deliver critical connectivity services across Europe, the Arctic, Antarctic, the Middle East, and Africa.

With industry-leading expertise, agility, and a commitment to excellence, we remain at the forefront of innovation. Our objective is to harness space for security and commercial growth – enriching life and expanding possibilities.

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About SubCom

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