

INIT wins major order from New Zealand

Nine New Zealand regional councils have opted for a smart ticketing system from INIT.

The Karlsruhe, Germany-based supplier has won a contract for the installation, technical operation and maintenance of its integrated systems on networks covering almost the whole of New Zealand.

Spread over 1,500km north to south, it's not just the geographical spread and climatic conditions that make this major order somewhat special for INIT - but the technical requirements.

The nine regions have set themselves a goal of constructing and launching New Zealand's most modern ticketing system by June 2018.

To achieve this, 444 buses and 23 depots as well as 54 stationary and many mobile sales points need to be equipped with new hardware and software.

This will enable passengers to buy paper tickets using cash on the bus, or using online top-ups for their smartcards. INIT will assume responsibility not only for the entire data management but also for financial processing, right up to the allocation of sales proceeds among the individual transport operators and authorities.

INIT has become known as a full service provider, offering additional service.

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