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Honolulu Seawater Air Conditioning to choose contractors next month

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Honolulu Seawater Air Conditioning LLC is about a month away from choosing contractors for the cooling station and system distribution pipe work.

Company President and CEO [Bill Mahlum](#) said the last, best, and final offers are being accepted for the work.

The company, which is in charge of a \$250 million project to cool buildings in downtown Honolulu using chilled seawater, [was recently granted](#) a special management area use permit and shoreline setback variance by the state that moves the project forward.

The permit granted by the state allows Honolulu Seawater Air Conditioning to build a pumping and cooling station in Kakaako, as well as install the underground piping that will carry chilled seawater to downtown buildings.

Construction is now targeted to start in early fall. Previously, Honolulu Seawater Air Conditioning told PBN that work is slated to start in May.

Planned construction includes installation of 15,000 feet of pipeline from the cooling station to the streets of downtown Honolulu. Work is expected to involve at least 12 streets and their intersections, including Bishop and Alakea streets and part of Nimitz Highway.

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