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Healy Tibbitts Builders named contractor for Honolulu Seawater Air Conditioning project

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Honolulu Seawater Air Conditioning LLC has chosen Healy Tibbitts Builders Inc. as the contractor for the installation of the pipes that will pump chilled seawater from offshore to its system in downtown Honolulu, the company said Friday.

Healy Tibbitts Builders previously built a 55-inch deepwater intake pipeline at the state's **Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority** on the Big Island.

"Healy Tibbitts has a tremendous reputation in the construction industry and in Hawaii," [Bill Mahlum](#), president and CEO of Honolulu Seawater Air Conditioning, said in a statement. "We are honored to have them as part of our construction team and expect them to be a great partner as we begin construction of this renewable energy project."

The deep water pipeline project will create more than 40 jobs, Healy Tibbitts Builders President Rick Heltzel said in a statement.

"During the construction, we will also deploy over a dozen vessels — from barges to large tugboats — which will have a positive impact on Hawaii's maritime industry," he said.

Work is expected to begin in the fall on the \$250 million seawater air conditioning project.