



all the solar photovoltaic systems in the state.

But unlike photovoltaic systems that have rapidly multiplied in Hawaii, the seawater air-conditioning project has taken a long time to advance.

Honolulu Seawater is an affiliate of Minnesota-based Ever-Green Energy LLC, which announced plans for the district cooling system in Honolulu in 2004 with expectations of having a system running by mid-2007.

The company postponed the project's start date several times, but through the years has lined up the needed financing, permits, customers, land leases and partners.

"We appreciate the interest of the entire construction community and thank everyone for their participation and continued interest in making Honolulu one of the greenest downtowns worldwide," Eric Masutomi, president and CEO of Honolulu Seawater, said in a written statement. "We look forward to the commencement of our project."

2 firms hired for seawater project's pipe work