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Coluccio wins last Honolulu Seawater AC contract

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Honolulu Seawater Air Conditioning LLC has selected Seattle-based Frank Coluccio Construction Co. as its contractor for the large-bore micro-tunneling portion of its \$250 million seawater air-conditioning system to cool downtown Honolulu buildings.

The contract, which is the final one out of four that were doled out for the project, is worth between \$30 million and \$40 million, according to Eric Masutomi, CEO of Honolulu Seawater Air Conditioning.

The other three contracts were awarded to the joint venture of Honolulu-based Hawaiian Dredging Construction Co. Inc. and Oregon-based <u>James W. Fowler</u> for the downtown Honolulu distribution work; Honolulu-based dck pacific construction LLC for the Kakaako cooling station job; and New Jersey-based Healy Tibbitts Builders Inc. for the development of the offshore seawater pipes.

Masutomi says the most recent contract awardee, Coluccio Construction, was chosen because of the firm's extensive experience in Hawaii tunnel projects.

Some of its work included the H-3 exploratory tunnel; Fort Kamehameha sewer extension tunnels at Pearl Harbor; Kalaheo, Hamakua and Wanaao sewer tunnels in Kailua; and the beachwalk wastewater pump station for Ala Moana Beach Park.

<u>Tim Pearia</u>, an engineer with Frank Coluccio Construction, told PBN that the work, which should take between 12 and 18 months to complete, will create as many as 20 jobs.