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Maui, Kauai hold potential for seawater air-conditioning, Honolulu CEO says

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Maui and Kauai are potential sites for seawater air-conditioning projects, the head of the long-planned **Honolulu Seawater Air Conditioning** project said this week.

[Eric Masutomi](#), president and CEO of Honolulu Seawater Air Conditioning — who also was a panelist at the Asia-Pacific Resilience Innovation Summit and Expo in Honolulu that covered the topic of seawater air conditioning — noted that although no in-depth analyses have been done on the Neighbor Islands for seawater A/C projects, Kahului on Maui and Poipu on Kauai are great candidates.

Thus far, there are just two seawater air-conditioning projects planned in Hawaii, one aimed at Downtown Honolulu and another for Waikiki.

Masutomi pointed out that other areas that have seawater A/C potential on Oahu include Kaneohe, Ko Olina and Pearl Harbor.

The \$250 million Honolulu Seawater Air Conditioning project, which will cool Downtown Honolulu office buildings and condominium towers with cold water from the ocean, [is slated to start construction](#) by Aug. 1, 2015, and be operational by the first quarter of 2017, Masutomi said this week.

In North America, there are more than 800 district cooling systems, according to an industry report.

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