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Honolulu Seawater A/C adds high-rise customer

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One Waterfront Towers, a twin 45-story high-rise condominium in Kakaako, has signed an agreement with **Honolulu Seawater Air Conditioning** LLC for a seawater air conditioning system, becoming the first residential building to sign on to the new technology.

The new system, which could be operational as soon as 2013, will help owners and residents reduce their air conditioning costs, which account for about a third of their electricity bills, [George Bevin](#), president of the One Waterfront Towers board of directors, said in a statement.

"In addition to reducing our cooling costs, the seawater air conditioning cooling system will be easy to operate and maintain, and we will not have to fund money for future replacement of chillers or cooling towers," he said.

The \$250 million system designed to cool downtown Honolulu office buildings is scheduled to start construction this spring and begin providing cooling services using chilled sea water to customers in 2013. Honolulu Seawater Air Conditioning, which was formed in 2006, has about 40 customers, including **First Hawaiian Bank** and **Hawaiian Electric Co.**, which signed a contract in December for its office building on Richards Street.

"Projects like this help Hawaii down the path toward energy independence," Honolulu Seawater Air Conditioning President and CEO [Bill Mahlum](#) said in a statement. "We are grateful for the support and cooperation we've received from both the public and private sectors to help make downtown Honolulu a role model for sustainability."