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Honolulu Seawater A/C gets state OKs

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Honolulu Seawater Air Conditioning LLC has been granted a special management area use permit and a shoreline setback variance by the state of Hawaii, moving its project closer to starting construction.

The SMA permit granted by the state Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism's Office of Planning will allow Honolulu Seawater Air Conditioning to build a pumping and cooling station in Kakaako, as well as install the underground piping that will carry chilled seawater to cool downtown office buildings.

"The rigorous permit process was an important step in assuring all stakeholders that the project is moving forward correctly, President and CEO [William Mahlum](#) said in a statement. "Being granted this permit is a major milestone in the construction of this renewable energy project."

Construction on the project, which is expected to generate more than \$200 million in spending and create 900 construction jobs, [is expected to start during the first half of this year](#).