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Daniel Dinell is the Executive Director of the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA), the State agency responsible for the redevelopment of the Kaka'ako District and Kalaeloa, the former Barbers Point Naval Air Station. As executive director since January 2004, Dinell implements the HCDA's policies and plans, and works with stakeholders toward the redevelopment of Kaka'ako and Kalaeloa.

The HCDA plans for and regulates development activities for over 600 acres in Kaka'ako. Development activities have gained momentum with the ongoing infrastructure enhancement projects, the start of numerous large-scale private developments, and the revitalization of Kaka'ako's waterfront lands, which is led by the recent opening of the John A. Burns School of Medicine. The agency is also responsible for 3,700 acres at Kalaeloa, which was added to HCDA's responsibilities when the Barbers Point Naval Air Station Redevelopment Commission was phased out in 2002.

Prior to his assuming the HCDA directorship, the Honolulu-born Dinell worked for the Hilton Hotels Corp. for 15 years. During his tenure with Hilton, Dinell developed the company's hotel division operating strategy and annual plan. He was also instrumental in developing a continuous improvement process that incorporates a balanced scorecard approach which tracks financial and competitive performance along with internal and external customer satisfaction/loyalty measures. As vice president of Strategic Planning and Community Affairs, Dinell was responsible for governmental relations and planning the operating strategy for the Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa, the company's largest hotel and flagship resort.

Dinell, who is conversant in the Japanese language, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from The Colorado College, and was a graduate research student at the University of Tokyo, where he earned distinction as a Monbusho Scholar.