

PROJECT: FirstMerit Tower Chilled Water

PRODUCTS: aquatherm blue pipe[®]

LOCATION/DATE: Akron, OH January 2016

THE CHALLENGE

A historic, 1931 skyscraper needed a dependable piping solution for its new closed-loop chilled-water system; it also needed to be easyto-install in an occupied building

THE SOLUTION

Both Aquatherm North America's Design & Fabrication Services team and the contractor fabricated pieces of the new closed-loop chilled-water system, helping the installation process move quickly and decrease downtime as well as labor costs



"This project changed the way I think about Aquatherm. We saw some of the intangibles: the less impact Aquatherm makes on a building structure because it's lighter, which also makes it easier to lift or monkey into small existing spaces; no welding; no odors—all of these things make Aquatherm a great application that we hadn't thought about in the past but certainly will in the future."

—Kevin Kindbom, V.P. and co-owner, Bandwen Williams Kindbom, Akron, OH



AQUATHERM ADVANTAGES

- Aquatherm PP-R piping's light weight and easy heat-fusion welding saved the owner at least \$20,000 in labor
- The perfect solution for a sensitive, historic bank environment, heat fusion eliminated toxic materials, glues, and resins as well as fumes and gases and open flames from the piping installation procedure
- Fabricating Aquatherm piping systems on the ground created a safer, more streamlined installation process



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