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Lovejoy Wharf to feature Hub's first automated garage

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The developers of Lovejoy Wharf have selected **APT Parking Technologies** to build Boston's first automated garage.

Lovejoy Wharf's developers, **Ajax Wharf LLC** and AIG Global Real Estate, selected New York-based APT Parking, which designs and builds automated parking garages with its partner Westfalia Technologies, to incorporate the garage into the \$200 million mixed-used development.

APT's president, Lee Lazarus, declined to comment about how much it would cost to build the garage but said on average, automated garages cost \$25,000 per parking space to build. The garage at Lovejoy Wharf in Boston's North End neighborhood is 300 spaces and only the fourth to be built in the United States, according to Lazarus. Aside from a 300-space garage in New York City, the Lovejoy Wharf facility will be among the largest automated garages in the United States.

Lovejoy Wharf is a 455,000-square-foot project that contains 250 residential units and 40,000 square feet of office and retail space. The project is expected to break ground in the summer and be completed by 2009.

"This is the first automated parking garage to be built within a major mixed-use development in the U.S.," said Lazarus in a statement. "The selection of our parking system highlights how automated parking can enhance a real estate development opportunity."