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A Seattle firm with an international reputation for building giant cranes has won the contract to move the 10,000-ton roof on the proposed new professional-baseball stadium.

Ederer Services, whose home office is a short walk from the proposed stadium site near the Kingdome, won the design competition for one of the key jobs on the stadium.

The new ballpark, which public officials and the Seattle Mariners hope to open in time for the 1999 season, will be equipped with a retractable roof.

The stadium will be open most of the time to allow open-air baseball and natural grass. But its steel roof will close to shield the fans and players from rain and wind.

To move the 10,000-ton retractable roof, Ederer will put rails on concrete, then move the roof sections on wheeled trucks similar to those used on its cranes.

The roof is expected to close in about 10 minutes in light winds and 20 minutes in winds of 20 to 30 mph. In higher winds, it would be locked in place.

Ederer won the contract in a competition with Mitsubishi Heavy Industries. Another Seattle-area firm, Aero-Go, entered the competition but decided not to bid.

The selection was confirmed yesterday by the board of the Public Facilities District, which is overseeing the ballpark project.

Ederer is known locally mostly for building the giant cranes used for shipbuilding at Todd Shipyards and the containers at the Port of Seattle and Tacoma. It is also the principal supplier of cranes to the Air Force and National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and includes Boeing and McDonnell Douglas among its clients, said Don Miller, chief executive officer.

The contract is expected to be worth about \$14 million, which is about 25 percent of the cost of the roof.

Miller said the company is working on projects in China, Malaysia, Ukraine and Saudi Arabia.

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