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### Merlino bids low for viaduct work

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SEATTLE — Gary Merlino Construction is the apparent low bidder to relocate utilities from the southern end of the Alaskan Way viaduct.

The Washington State Department of Transportation plans to replace that part of the viaduct, between South Holgate Street and South Royal Brougham Way. The first phase of that project is to bury utility lines underground.

Merlino bid \$8.56 million for the relocation project. The second-lowest bidder was Frank Coluccio Construction, at \$8.74 million.

WSDOT estimated the contract to be worth between \$10 million and \$15 million.

WSDOT will take about a week to evaluate the bids and award the contract, a spokesperson said.

Construction is expected to begin in June.