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**STERLING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. IS APPARENT LOW BIDDER ON A
\$24.9 MILLION HIGHWAY PROJECT IN COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS**

HOUSTON, TX – May 11, 2010 – Sterling Construction Company, Inc. (NasdaqGS: STRL), ("Sterling" or the "Company") today announced that its subsidiary, Texas Sterling Construction Co., was the apparent low bidder on a \$24.9 million construction project in Collin County, Texas which is northeast of Dallas. Project construction is expected to begin in the third quarter of 2010 and be completed within 21 months. The scope of the project consists of demolishing the existing Wilmeth Bridge over I-75 and the construction of two bridges, each 500 feet long, on I-75 over Wilmeth Street, including the construction of 275,000 cubic yards of embankment and 110,000 square yards of approach paving.

Sterling is a leading heavy civil construction company that specializes in the building and reconstruction of transportation and water infrastructure in large and growing markets in Texas, Utah, Nevada and other states where there are construction opportunities. Its transportation infrastructure projects include highways, roads, bridges and light rail and its water infrastructure projects include water, wastewater and storm drainage system.

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