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**STERLING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. IS APPARENT LOW BIDDER ON A
\$26.5 MILLION BRIDGE PROJECT IN GLACIER COUNTY, MONTANA**

HOUSTON, TX – August 13, 2010 – Sterling Construction Company, Inc. (NasdaqGS: STRL), ("Sterling" or the "Company") today announced that its subsidiary, Ralph L. Wadsworth Construction Company, LLC ("RLW"), was the apparent low bidder on a \$26.5 million construction project for the Montana Department of Transportation. The project is located on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation in Glacier County, Montana which is approximately 10 miles east of the Continental Divide in Glacier National Park. Project construction is expected to begin in the third quarter of 2010 and be completed by October 2012. The scope of the project consists of replacing the existing bridge over Two Medicine River on US 2 with a six-span, 1,520 foot cast-in-place concrete segmental bridge on a new alignment with approximately one mile of new roadway. The project includes two, 12- foot lanes with 8 foot shoulders and a shared used path for bicycles and pedestrians. Federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) funds are being used by the State of Montana to fund construction of this project.

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 systems. RLW, which was acquired by Sterling in December, 2009, is located in Draper, Utah outside of Salt Lake City and serves the Inter-mountain region of the United States.

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