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**STERLING CONSTRUCTION'S UTAH SUBSIDIARY PART OF JOINT VENTURE THAT MOVED
THE LONGEST TWO-SPAN BRIDGE IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE**

HOUSTON – March 30, 2011 – Sterling Construction Company, Inc. (NasdaqGS: STRL), ("Sterling" or the "Company") today announced that Provo River Constructors (PRC), a joint venture in which Sterling's Utah subsidiary, Ralph L. Wadsworth Construction Company, LLC (RLW) is a partner, transported and placed the pre-constructed Sam White Bridge in American Fork, Utah, using Accelerated Bridge Construction (ABC) technology. The bridge move was the longest two-span bridge ever pre-constructed and moved into place via self-propelled modular transporters (SPMT) in the Western Hemisphere. The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) posted a video of the bridge move at the following web address: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ORtXe3trR_o

Over a five hour period this past weekend, the new 354-foot, 3.8 million-pound bridge was rolled into place 21 feet in the air and over eight lanes of Interstate 15 by SPMT. The bridge placement was viewed by officials from the Federal Highway Administration, DOT officials from other states, heavy-construction industry professionals from around the world and about 1,000 members of the public. The placement was completed at 4 a.m. Sunday morning allowing freeway traffic to resume at 7 a.m., three hours ahead of schedule. The Sam White bridge is one of 59 that will be constructed, rebuilt or modified by December 2012 as part of UDOT's \$1.7 billion I-15 makeover in Utah County.

Using the ABC method minimized bridge downtime and traffic congestion while enhancing worker safety. The former Sam White Bridge, which had been torn down, was the 23rd ABC bridge move by UDOT. Dal Hawks, I-15 CORE project director, said. "Building the bridge using ABC eliminated the need for as many as 10 full freeway closures. This reduced traffic delays and benefited the state's economy by keeping people, goods and services moving while the bridge was being constructed."

Patrick Manning, Chairman & CEO of Sterling Construction Company, stated, "Our association with and participation in this record-breaking bridge construction and installation methodology should bring more attention to our expertise in ABC technology and its many advantages over traditional bridge building methods. RLW has constructed 27 bridges over the last three years using ABC, more than any other contractor in the U.S. during this period. Twelve of the moves utilized self-propelled modular transporters, while others used specialized horizontal sliding techniques developed by RLW teams. We are proud of our RLW team and their JV partners."

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.

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