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**STERLING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. IS PARTNER IN A JOINT VENTURE'S
SUCCESSFUL PROPOSAL ON \$207 MILLION DESIGN-BUILD PROJECT IN AUSTIN, TEXAS**

HOUSTON, TX—February 24, 2011--Sterling Construction Company, Inc. (NasdaqGS: STRL), ("Sterling" or the "Company") today announced that Central Texas Mobility Constructors, a joint venture between its wholly owned subsidiary, Texas Sterling Construction Co. ("TSC"), and Webber, LLC, has been selected as the best value proposer by the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority to design and build a 6.2-mile section of the Manor Expressway northeast of Austin, Texas. The joint venture, of which TSC is a 45-percent participant, has proposed to substantially complete the project within 955 days of issuance of a Notice to Proceed at a price of \$207,272,859. Notice to Proceed will be issued after financial closing, tentatively set for May, following the sale of bonds.

Patrick T. Manning, Sterling's CEO, stated: "We are pleased to win this design-build project, our largest in Texas to date, and be part of this joint venture, thus further building on our design-build and joint venture experience in Texas and Utah."

Sterling is a leading heavy civil construction company that specializes in the building and reconstruction of transportation and water infrastructure in large 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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