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STERLING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IS APPARENT LOW BIDDER ON \$33 MILLION DESIGN-BUILD PROJECT IN SALT LAKE COUNTY, UTAH

HOUSTON, TX—March 23, 2011--Sterling Construction Company, Inc. (NasdaqGS:STRL), ("Sterling" or the "Company") today announced that its Utah-based subsidiary, Ralph L. Wadsworth Construction Company, LLC ("RLW"), was selected by the Utah Department of Transportation as low bidder on a \$33 million design-build construction project located in southwest Salt Lake County, Utah.

The scope of the project consists of a new interchange, walls and concrete paving at Bangerter Highway over 7800 South. The project also includes reconstructing the intersections of Bangerter Highway at 6200 South and 7000 South converting them to Continuous Flow Intersections ("CFI"). The interchange and CFI's construction will improve traffic flow through some of the busiest intersections in the State of Utah and will prepare the intersections to handle future traffic demands due to population growth. Design is expected to begin in April of 2011 and construction is scheduled to be completed in June of 2012.

In a design-build project, the contractor is responsible for both the design and construction of the project. Having one team responsible for both design and construction enables construction to start before design is completed and the total project to be completed in a shorter period of time, thus lessening the time frame that commuting is disrupted.

Patrick T. Manning, Sterling's CEO, stated: "We are pleased to win this project, further building on our design-build and structure experience. Since the beginning of 2011, we have been the low bidder on more than \$150 million of construction projects."

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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