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STERLING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. AFFILIATE, MYERS & SONS

CONSTRUCTION, L.P. , IS APPARENT LOW BIDDER ON A \$78.7 MILLION HIGHWAY

PROJECT IN TURLOCK, CALIFORNIA

HOUSTON, TX – December 7, 2011 – Sterling Construction Company, Inc. (NasdaqGS: STRL), ("Sterling" or the "Company") today announced that its California affiliate, of which Sterling has a 50% interest, Myers & Sons Construction, L.P., was apparent low bidder on a \$78.7 million highway project for the California Department of Transportation in Turlock, California. The scope of the project includes the replacement of approximately 120,000 cubic yards of rapid strength concrete and 180,000 tons of asphalt as well as 250,000 square yards of concrete grinding on State Highway 99. The project is expected to begin in March 2012 and is scheduled to be completed within 12 months.

Patrick Manning, Chairman and CEO, commented that, "We are looking forward to beginning this project which adds to our backlog in California and represents our second major win for Sterling this quarter."

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, Arizona, California 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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