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**STERLING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. IS APPARENT LOW BIDDER ON A  
\$23.7 MILLION HIGHWAY PROJECT IN COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS**

HOUSTON, TX –June 9, 2011 – Sterling Construction Company, Inc. (NasdaqGS: STRL), ("Sterling" or the "Company") today announced that its Texas-based subsidiary, Texas Sterling Construction Co. was apparent low bidder on a \$23.7 million highway project for the Texas Department of Transportation in Collin County, northeast of Dallas, Texas. The scope of the project includes approximately 100,000 cubic yards of excavation, 200,000 square yards of concrete pavement, and 31,000 linear feet of storm drains in the reconstruction of 4.05 miles of El Dorado Parkway from SH 289 to FM 2478. The project is expected to begin in September and last 26 months.

Brian Manning, P.E., Sterling's Chief Business Development Officer, stated, "We are pleased to win this project as it adds to backlog in our growing North Texas Division."

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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