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**STERLING CONSTRUCTION APPOINTS KEVAN BLAIR INTERIM CFO
FOLLOWING DEPARTURE OF ELIZABETH BRUMLEY**

HOUSTON, TX – May 28, 2013 – Sterling Construction Company, Inc. (NasdaqGS: STRL), ("Sterling" or the "Company") today announced that Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer, Controller and Treasurer, Elizabeth D. Brumley has resigned effective May 22, 2013 to pursue other professional opportunities. The Company has launched a search for a new CFO using the services of Heidrick & Struggles International, Inc., an executive search firm. Kevan Blair, CFO of Sterling's Utah-based subsidiary, Ralph L. Wadsworth Construction Company ("RLW"), has been named Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer on an interim basis.

Peter MacKenna, President and Chief Executive Officer of Sterling commented, "On behalf of our Board, we want to thank Liz for her nearly three years of service to Sterling, and we wish her well in all future endeavors. We are indeed fortunate that Kevan, who has been CFO of our very successful RLW subsidiary for close to 9 years, and has served in finance positions in the construction industry for 33 years, has agreed to temporarily relocate to Houston to serve as our interim CFO. In 2008, Kevan was named CFO of the Year by Utah Business Magazine. With an active search process under way, we expect to fill the position later this summer."

Before joining RLW in December 2004, Mr. Blair held senior-level finance positions with Daw Technologies, Inc., including CFO of Daw Incorporated. Mr. Blair earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from the David Eccles School of Business at the University of Utah.

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