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STERLING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. IS THE SELECTED CONTRACTOR FOR A CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CMGC PROJECT

HOUSTON, TX – March 14, 2014 – Sterling Construction Company, Inc. (NasdaqGS: STRL) ("Sterling" or "the Company") today announced that a joint venture, comprised of its Myers & Sons Construction ("Myers") and Ralph L. Wadsworth Construction Company, LLC ("RLW") subsidiaries, was selected by the California Department of Transportation ("CalTrans") as the contractor on a Construction Management/General Contractor (CMGC) project with a potential value of approximately \$52 million. The project will entail construction work on State Route 140 in Mariposa County to restore two-lane access that was blocked by a rock slide (the Ferguson Slide) in May 2006. The Myers/RLW Joint Venture will work with CalTrans' GMGC design team to develop a best-value design and environmental document. Once design is complete and the Environmental Assessment has been approved, a contract will be negotiated for the construction of the project. Construction is anticipated to start in 2016 and be completed in 2018.

Peter MacKenna, Sterling's Chief Executive Officer, commented, "Mariposa 140 is an important all-weather transportation link for Yosemite National Park and we are proud to be involved in restoring a permanent highway to this route. Additionally, this award provides us with further validation that the collaborative strategy being deployed by our subsidiaries is a successful formula when competing for attractive, high-profile projects such as this."

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, Hawaii, 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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