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**STERLING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. AFFILIATE, MYERS AND SONS  
CONSTRUCTION, LP IS 30% JOINT VENTURE PARTNER ON A \$102.6 MILLION HIGHWAY  
PROJECT IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

HOUSTON, TX – February 13, 2012 – Sterling Construction Company, Inc. (NasdaqGS: STRL), ("Sterling" or the "Company") today announced that a joint venture in which Sterling's California affiliate, Myers and Sons Construction, LP, has a 30% interest, was apparent low bidder on a \$102.6 million highway construction project for Caltrans. Shimmick Construction Company is lead partner on this joint venture with a 70% interest.

The three-year project, which begins this summer, entails rebuilding Highway 710 for a nine mile stretch south of Los Angeles including 8 bridge widenings, 3,300 concrete panel replacements and 90,000 cubic yards of concrete paving.

Patrick T. Manning, Sterling's Chairman and CEO commented, "We are pleased to continue to add to our backlog in California through our 50% affiliate, Myers and Sons. We are also looking forward to working with Shimmick on this and other projects."

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