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**STERLING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. AFFILIATE, MYERS AND SONS
CONSTRUCTION, LP IS APPARENT LOW BIDDER ON \$30.5 MILLION BAY BRIDGE TOLL
PLAZA CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA**

HOUSTON, TX – January 20, 2012 – Sterling Construction Company, Inc. (NasdaqGS: STRL), ("Sterling" or the "Company") today announced that its California affiliate, Myers and Sons Construction, LP, was apparent low bidder on a \$30.5 million bridge construction project for Caltrans. The project, which entails building three small bridges to connect Oakland to the new Bay Bridge, is projected to start in April 2012 and continue through the end of 2014.

Patrick T. Manning, Sterling's Chairman and CEO commented, "We are pleased to construct the last contract of the new Bay Bridge connecting San Francisco to Oakland."

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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