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**STERLING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. IS APPARENT LOW BIDDER ON  
A CITY OF HOUSTON PROJECT**

HOUSTON, TX – May 14, 2012 – Sterling Construction Company, Inc. (NasdaqGS: STRL) (“Sterling” or “the Company”) today announced that its subsidiary, Texas Sterling Construction Co., was apparent low bidder on the City of Houston Hirsch Road Grade Separation, with a bid of \$22.9 million. The project consists of constructing a bridge and retaining walls, pouring 35,000 square yards of concrete paving, installing 1,300 feet of large diameter water and installing associated storm and sanitary sewer pipes. The project is anticipated to begin in approximately 90 days and will take approximately two years to complete.

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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