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**STERLING CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULES THIRD QUARTER RELEASE FOR
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH
AND CONFERENCE CALL FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH**

HOUSTON, TX – October 16, 2012 – Sterling Construction Company, Inc. (NasdaqGS: STRL), ("Sterling" or the "Company") today announced that it expects to issue its financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2012 on Thursday, November 8, 2012 after the close of the stock market.

Sterling's management will host a conference call on Friday, November 9, 2012 at 10:00 am ET/9:00 am CT to discuss the results and recent corporate developments. Interested parties may participate in the call by dialing (201) 493-6744 or (877) 445-9755. Please call in 10 minutes before the conference is scheduled to begin and ask for the Sterling Construction call. Following opening remarks, there will be a question and answer session. Questions may be asked during the live call, or alternatively, you may e-mail questions in advance to llatman@equityny.com.

To listen to a webcast of the call, please go to the Company's website at www.sterlingconstructionco.com at least 15 minutes early to download and install any necessary audio software. If you are unable to listen live, the conference call webcast will be archived on the Company's website for thirty days. We suggest listeners use Microsoft Explorer as their web browser.

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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