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**STERLING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. IS SELECTED ON A
UTAH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DESIGN-BUILD PROJECT VALUED AT
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HOUSTON, TX – March 04, 2013 – Sterling Construction Company, Inc. (NasdaqGS: STRL) (“Sterling” or “the Company”) today announced that its subsidiary, Ralph L. Wadsworth Construction Company, LLC (“RLW”) was selected by the Utah Department of Transportation (“UDOT”) as the contractor on a design-build project valued at approximately \$22 million. The project will entail roadway widening and reconstruction of a 6.5 mile stretch of I-15 from the S. Payson Interchange to Spanish Fork River (Project Number F-I-15-6 (213) 249). RLW will utilize the services of Michael Baker Jr. Inc., an engineering unit of Michael Baker Corporation (NYSE MKT: BKR), as the lead designer. The project is anticipated to begin in March 2013 and be completed by September 2013.

Kip Wadsworth, RLW’s Chief Executive Officer commented, "It is extremely gratifying for RLW to be selected for this project. It is a testament to our continuing commitment to pursue excellence in the design-build marketplace."

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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