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## STERLING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. AFFILIATE, ROAD AND HIGHWAY BUILDERS, IS AWARDED A HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECT VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$14 MILLION

THE WOODLANDS, TX – October 7, 2015 – Sterling Construction Company, Inc. (NasdaqGS: STRL) ("Sterling" or the "Company") today announced that its affiliate, Road and Highway Builders, LLC was awarded a \$13.9 million Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) project to perform reconstruction work on the King Kamanhameha Highway on the North Shore of Oahu. The project is expected to commence in the fourth quarter of 2015 with a construction duration of approximately one year. It will entail the cold milling and paving of a 10-mile stretch of the highway, along with the reconstruction of four bridges.

Paul J. Varello, Sterling's Chief Executive Officer, commented, "We began a much smaller project implementing safety improvements on the King Kamanhameha Highway in February 2015. We are pleased that our solid execution on this job has led to a larger contract award and we are looking forward to collaborating with HDOT on what will be a significant upgrade to this important stretch of roadway in Oahu."

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, Hawaii, and other states where there are profitable construction opportunities. Its transportation infrastructure projects include highways, roads, bridges and light rail. Its water infrastructure projects include water, wastewater and storm drainage systems.

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