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STERLING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. IS THE LOW BIDDER ON A TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECT VALUED AT \$65.3 MILLION

HOUSTON, TX – June 22, 2016 – Sterling Construction Company, Inc. (NasdaqGS: STRL) ("Sterling" or "the Company") today announced that its Texas Sterling Construction Co. ("TSC") subsidiary was the low bidder on a \$65.3 million Texas Department of Transportation ("TxDOT") project in the San Antonio, TX area. The project consists of the reconstruction of a six-mile section of I-10 from Foster Road to Graytown Road which will include concrete and blacktop paving, three new bridges, new retaining walls, the improvements to frontage roads and ramps and drainage improvements. Work is expected to commence in September 2016 and be completed by June 2019.

Paul J. Varello, Sterling's Chief Executive Officer, commented, "We are pleased that we were declared the low bidder on this important project for TxDOT. This project will greatly improve the safety and enhance the traffic flow on this heavily traveled stretch of I-10 in the eastern suburbs of San Antonio. Given the recent flooding in the region, the drainage improvements designed into this project will enable drivers to travel more safely during such hazardous weather conditions. This is one of our largest awards in Texas in recent years and we will be deploying significant resources and expertise to the project in order to ensure its efficient, profitable and on-time execution."

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, Colorado, Arizona, California, Hawaii, and other states where there are construction opportunities. Its transportation infrastructure projects include highways, roads, bridges, airfields, ports and light rail and its water infrastructure projects include water, wastewater and storm drainage systems.

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