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**STERLING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. IS APPARENT LOW BIDDER ON A
\$46.3 MILLION NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
HIGHWAY PROJECT**

HOUSTON, TX – May 9, 2008 – Sterling Construction Company, Inc. (Nasdaq GS: STRL) (“Sterling” or “the Company”) today announced that its recently acquired Nevada-based RHB subsidiary, was the apparent low bidder on a \$46.3 million project for the Nevada Department of Transportation. The project, which is scheduled to commence in the third quarter of 2008 with a contract duration of approximately one year, calls for the widening of 17 miles of U.S. 93, running from Searchlight, NV to the California border.

Patrick Manning, Chairman and CEO, commented, “This, the first major job for RHB since we acquired it last fall, adds significantly to our contract backlog. Having recently spent time in Nevada visiting RHB job sites, I have been very impressed by the talent, skills and motivation that pervade the RHB organization which were important factors in our decision to acquire the business.”

Sterling is a leading heavy civil construction company, headquartered in Houston, Texas, that specializes in the building, reconstruction and repair of transportation and water infrastructure in large and growing markets in Texas and Nevada. 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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