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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 7, 2005 STERLING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation) 0-19450 (Commission file number) 25-1655321 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

20810 Fernbush Lane Houston, Texas (Address of principal executive offices) 77073 (Zip code)

(281) 821-9091

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

2751 Centerville Road Suite 3131

Wilmington, Delaware 19803

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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## Item 8.01. Other Events

On November 7, 2005 Sterling Construction Company, Inc. issued a press release announcing third quarter results and raises guidance. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

In addition to the Company s unaudited consolidated financial statements presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), management sometimes uses non-GAAP measures, including Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization (EBITDA) that it believes are appropriate to enhance an overall understanding of the Company s financial performance and future prospects. Non-GAAP measures, which are adjusted to exclude certain costs from the comparable GAAP measures of net income, are considered among the indicators management uses as a basis of evaluating financial performance as well as for forecasting future periods. For these reasons, management believes these non-GAAP measures can be useful to investors, potential investors and others. The presentation of this additional information is not meant to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP.

## SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: November 7, 2005

STERLING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.

By: /s/ Maarten D. Hemsley Maarten D. Hemsley Chief Financial Officer

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