

STERLING CONSTRUCTION CO INC
Form SC 13G
June 10, 2010

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D. C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934

Sterling Construction Co., Inc.
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock
(Title of Class of Securities)

859241101
(CUSIP Number)

May 31, 2010
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

This Schedule is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b)

The information required in the remainder of this cover page (except any items to which the form provides a cross-reference) shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act.

CUSIP NO. 859241101

1) Name of Reporting Person Ameriprise Financial, Inc.
S.S. or I.R.S. Identification IRS No. 13-3180631
No. of Above Person

2) Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group

- (a)
(b) *

* This filing describes the reporting person's relationship with other persons, but the reporting person does not affirm the existence of a group.

3) SEC Use Only

4) Citizenship or Place of Organization

Delaware

5) Sole Voting Power

-0-

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NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

6) Shared Voting Power
1,556,376

7) Sole Dispositive Power
-0-

8) Shared Dispositive Power
1,904,717

9) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
1,904,717

10) Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares
Not Applicable

11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount In Row (9)
11.87%

12) Type of Reporting Person
CO

CUSIP NO. 859241101

1) Name of Reporting Person Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC
S.S. or I.R.S. Identification No. of Above Person IRS No. 41-1533211

2) Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group
(a)
(b) *

* This filing describes the reporting person's relationship with other persons, but the reporting person does not affirm the existence of a group.

3) SEC Use Only

4) Citizenship or Place of Organization
Minnesota

5) Sole Voting Power
-0-

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

6) Shared Voting Power
1,556,376

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OWNED BY -----
EACH 7) Sole Dispositive Power
REPORTING
PERSON -0-
WITH -----

8) Shared Dispositive Power

1,904,717

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Not Applicable

11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount In Row (9)

11.87%

12) Type of Reporting Person

IA

1(a) Name of Issuer: Sterling Construction Co., Inc.

1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices: 20810 Fernbush Lane
Houston, TX 77073

2(a) Name of Person Filing: (a) Ameriprise Financial, Inc.
("AFI")

(b) Columbia Management Investment
Advisers, LLC (formerly known as
RiverSource Investments, LLC)
("CMIA")

2(b) Address of Principal Business Office: (a) Ameriprise Financial, Inc.
145 Ameriprise Financial Center
Minneapolis, MN 55474

(b) 100 Federal St.
Boston, MA 02110

2(c) Citizenship: (a) Delaware

(b) Minnesota

2(d) Title of Class of Securities: Common Stock

2(e) Cusip Number: 859241101

3 Information if statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b) or 13d-2(b):

(a) Ameriprise Financial, Inc.

A parent holding company in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G). (Note:
See Item 7)

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(b) Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC (formerly known as RiverSource Investments, LLC)

An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E)

- 4 Incorporated by reference to Items (5)-(9) and (11) of the cover page pertaining to each reporting person.

AFI, as the parent company of CMIA, may be deemed to beneficially own the shares reported herein by CMIA. Accordingly, the shares reported herein by AFI include those shares separately reported herein by CMIA.

Each of AFI and CMIA disclaims beneficial ownership of any shares reported on this Schedule.

- 5 Ownership of 5% or Less of a Class:

If this statement is being filed to report the fact as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following [].

- 6 Ownership of more than 5% on Behalf of Another Person: Not Applicable

- 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company:

AFI: See Exhibit I

- 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:

Not Applicable

- 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group:

Not Applicable

- 10 Certification:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes or effect.

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: June 10, 2010

Ameriprise Financial, Inc.

By: /s/ Wade M. Voigt

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Name: Wade M. Voigt
Title: Director - Fund Administration

Columbia Management Investment
Advisers, LLC

By: /s/ Amy Johnson

Name: Amy Johnson
Title: Chief Operating Officer

Contact Information
Wade M. Voigt
Director - Fund Administration
Telephone: (612) 671-5682

Exhibit Index

- Exhibit I Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which Acquired
the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company.
- Exhibit II Joint Filing Agreement

Exhibit I

to

Schedule 13G

Ameriprise Financial, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, is a parent holding company.
The classification and identity of the relevant subsidiaries is as follows:

Investment Adviser - Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC (formerly
known as RiverSource Investments, LLC) is an investment adviser registered under
section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

Exhibit II

to

Schedule 13G

Joint Filing Agreement

The undersigned persons agree and consent to the joint filing on their behalf of
this Schedule 13G dated June 10, 2010 in connection with their beneficial
ownership of Sterling Construction Co., Inc. Columbia Management Investment
Advisers, LLC (formerly known as RiverSource Investments, LLC) authorizes
Ameriprise Financial, Inc. to execute the Schedule 13G to which this Exhibit is
attached and make any necessary amendments thereto.

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Ameriprise Financial, Inc.

By: /s/ Wade M. Voigt

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By: /s/ Amy Johnson

Amy Johnson
Chief Operating Officer