

GUARANTEEING COMPETITION

SAVING TAXPAYERS MONEY WHILE MODERNIZING AMERICA'S INFRASTRUCTURE



America's aging infrastructure - including water systems, roads, bridges and dams - is in desperate need of repair. Many of the specifications, procurement practices and material preferences for infrastructure projects are equally outdated.

The American Society of Civil Engineers estimates that \$2 trillion of additional infrastructure investment is needed over the next ten years, and President Trump has made infrastructure improvement a priority. American taxpayers deserve to know that our 21st century infrastructure will be built upon the free market principles of open and fair competition, performance and cost effectiveness.

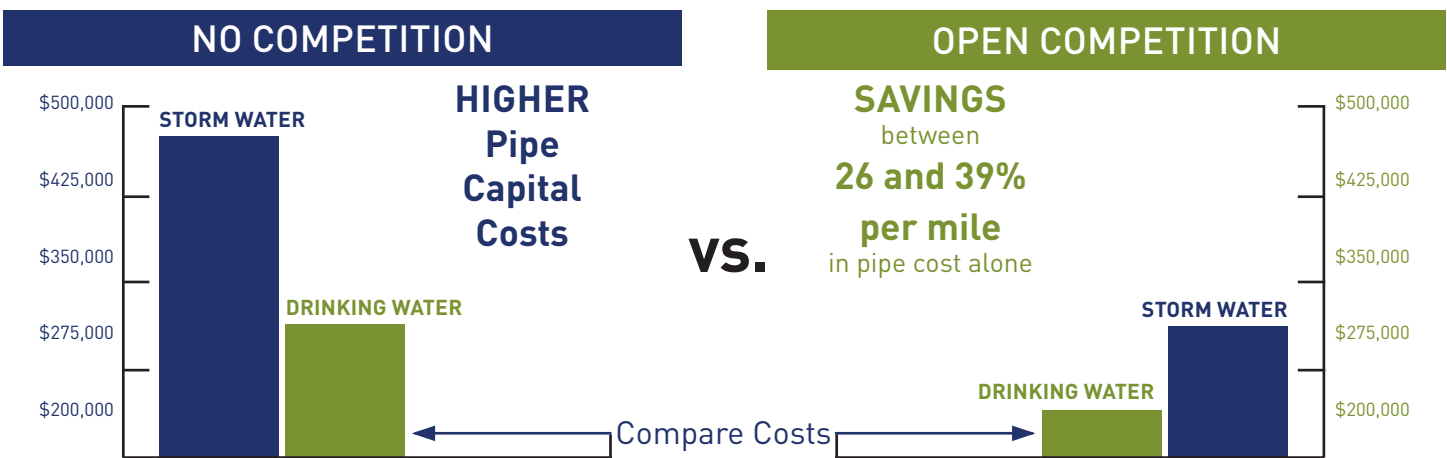
CASE STUDY: AMERICA'S WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

High performance plastic pipes are durable, corrosion-proof, energy efficient and more cost effective than most alternatives for water projects. But in more than 75 percent of the nation's municipalities, plastic pipe manufacturers cannot compete for these projects because local regulations have created a virtual monopoly for certain industries by dictating which materials must be used in water projects.

Competition Means Lower Costs for Taxpayers

The American Water Works Association (AWWA) estimates that more than **\$1.3 TRILLION** is needed for water infrastructure improvements in the coming decades.

The National Taxpayers Union estimates that open competition could **save over \$371 billion** on water infrastructure improvements. According to recent BCC Research studies, this translates into substantial savings per mile:



- North Carolina could see **savings of up to 50% or \$155,902 per mile in pipe costs.**
- Michigan could see **savings between 27 and 34% or up to \$114,154 per mile in pipe costs.**
- Ohio could see **savings between 32 and 35% or up to \$97,680 per mile in pipe costs.**

Congress can protect taxpayers by ensuring all government funded infrastructure grant programs and procurement processes require open, competitive bidding procedures for all materials. All appropriations bills and infrastructure legislation should include language making this principle clear.