Ohio Study Reveals Cost Savings

Closed Bids – Higher Costs
Open Bids – Lower Costs

Delaware County, OH with OPEN BIDDING does not restrict pipeline bidders to a particular material and enjoys the lower cost, on average, for pipeline capital costs.

On average, for pipe capital costs alone in the jurisdiction that allowed OPEN BIDDING, Delaware County, OH saved 32% to 35% compared to Franklin County, OH (Columbus) with CLOSED BIDDING.

Overall total pipeline construction costs in a jurisdiction with OPEN BIDDING, Delaware County, OH saved 13.6%, on average, compared to overall total pipeline construction costs in the jurisdiction with CLOSED BIDDING Franklin County, OH (Columbus).

For 8-12” pipe installed in Franklin County, OH (Columbus) with CLOSED BIDDING the average pipeline capital cost was $33.33 per foot, a difference of $18.50 (35.6%) per foot, saving $97,680 per mile (5,280 feet) for capital costs alone.

For every ten miles of pipeline a jurisdiction with OPEN BIDDING could save nearly $1,000,000 in pipe capital costs alone.

A copy of the full study: Comparison of Water Main Pipeline Installation Lengths and Costs in Ohio, BCC Research, February 2016 is available at: www.greenbuildingsolutions.org/ohiopipe

Note: Columbus occupies approximately 90% of Franklin County, OH