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 costs reached $51.83 per foot while in Delaware County, OH with OPEN 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