

WHAT DIPRA SAYS

WHY DIPRA'S WRONG

Open competition already exists in municipalities. Pushing for open competition is a solution looking for a problem.

WRONG. A 2017 BCC Research report found that 78% of municipalities in the U.S. have closed bidding processes for water infrastructure.¹

Open competition does not allow local engineers to select the proper material for their community.

WRONG. Open competition policies already used at the federal, state, and local level allow engineers to choose whichever material and products are best suited for their project.²

Open competition opens the door for materials that cost taxpayers more money over time.

WRONG. Studies confirm that PVC pipe is a low initial cost option and provides long-term savings because of its superior pumping efficiency, corrosion resistance, and longevity.³

A national open competition bidding process is bad for the country's infrastructure.

WRONG. Studies have found that open competition saves taxpayers 30% to 50%, no matter which material is chosen.⁴

Congress mandating open competition in federal projects violates states' rights and local control.

WRONG. No proposal prohibits states and localities from spending their revenue on whatever material they choose.

1. <https://www.americanchemistry.com/BCC-Research-National-Study.pdf>

2. <https://www.rd.usda.gov/about-rd/agencies/rural-utilities-service>

3. http://www.sustainablesolutionscorporation.com/pdfs/LCA_PVC.pdf

4. <https://www.americanchemistry.com/Guaranteeing-Competition-Saving-Taxpayers-Money.pdf>