

SAVINGS

"The SMART Infrastructure Act is not only a smart approach to infrastructure policy, it's a smart approach to fiscal policy. A key to success in completing projects efficiently and effectively, on time and on budget, is open competition for the materials used in their construction. It is projected that allowing open competition for materials in just water infrastructure projects could save over \$371 billion in taxpayer funds."

- **National Taxpayers Union**

"Because the savings accrue at the project level, competition will speed the upgrading of water infrastructure and enable innovation to help provide clean, safe water and reduce ongoing maintenance costs."

- **U.S. Conference of Mayors**

TRANSPARENCY

"Changing behavior relies on changing attitudes, and the transparent and accountable processes of open bid competition can lead the way. Mayors are strategically positioned to play the leading role."

- **US Conference of Mayors**

"Open source contracting promotes competition and innovation. Transparency in the material selection process is important to maximize these goals...Transparency in procurement selections and integration of widely and easily measured levels of performance is a realistic goal for infrastructure providers."

- **The Brookings Institution**

INNOVATION

"The SMART Infrastructure Act provides the balance needed to ensure that both innovation and the professional judgment of engineers combine to deliver the best possible results for taxpayers with federally-funded projects."

- **The National Taxpayers Union**

"It increases jobs in our districts by allowing innovative businesses to compete fairly with traditional materials, and it lowers costs for taxpayers by creating additional supply in the bidding process."

- **Congresswoman Grace Napolitano (D-CA)**

"One of the most frequently cited barriers to water innovation is the regulatory environment...[many] state-specific rules and regulations can make it difficult for [impossible] for systems to adopt new technologies."

- **Bipartisan Policy Center**

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF SMART INFRASTRUCTURE SPENDING POLICIES?

CHOICE

"...the costs of state and local regulations including mandates requiring the use of certain materials limit our ability to innovate and unnecessarily drive up housing costs for home buyers. Leading Builders of America supports opening competition so we can use the right materials for the project to build strong and affordable communities."

- **Leading Builders of America**

"Granting governments procuring federally funded infrastructure projects the authority to choose from a variety of quality materials is a win-win for the environment, sustainability efforts and taxpayers."

- **Associated Builders and Contractors**