

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE
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Page 1549, after line 8, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 12022. CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE FOR STORMWATER**
2 **CONTROL INFRASTRUCTURE TECH-**
3 **NOLOGIES.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of
6 appropriations, the Administrator of the Environ-
7 mental Protection Agency shall provide grants, on a
8 competitive basis, to eligible institutions to establish
9 not more than 5 centers of excellence for new and
10 emerging stormwater control infrastructure tech-
11 nologies, to be located in different geographic re-
12 gions of the United States.

13 (2) GENERAL OPERATION.—Each center of ex-
14 cellence established with a grant provided under this
15 section shall—

16 (A) conduct research on new and emerging
17 stormwater control infrastructure technologies
18 that are relevant to the geographical region in
19 which the center of excellence is located to im-

1 prove the effectiveness, cost efficiency, and pro-
2 tection of public health, public safety, and water
3 quality, including research on—

4 (i) stormwater and sewer overflow re-
5 duction; and

6 (ii) other approaches to achieve water
7 resource enhancement and other environ-
8 mental, economic, and social benefits;

9 (B) maintain a list of—

10 (i) stormwater control infrastructure
11 needs in the region in which the center of
12 excellence is located; and

13 (ii) available new and emerging
14 stormwater control infrastructure tech-
15 nologies;

16 (C) analyze the usefulness of additional fi-
17 nancial programs for the implementation of new
18 and emerging stormwater control infrastructure
19 technologies;

20 (D) share the results of research conducted
21 under subparagraph (A) with the Federal Gov-
22 ernment, State, Tribal, and local governments,
23 and the private sector;

24 (E) provide technical assistance to State,
25 Tribal, and local governments to assist with the

1 design, construction, operation, and mainte-
2 nance of stormwater control infrastructure
3 projects that use innovative technologies;

4 (F) collaborate with institutions of higher
5 education and private and public organizations,
6 including community-based public-private part-
7 nerships and other stakeholders, in the geo-
8 graphical region in which the center of excel-
9 lence is located; and

10 (G) coordinate with the other centers of
11 excellence to avoid duplication of efforts.

12 (3) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a
13 grant under this section, an eligible institution shall
14 prepare and submit to the Administrator an applica-
15 tion at such time, in such form, and containing such
16 information as the Administrator may require.

17 (b) NATIONAL ELECTRONIC CLEARINGHOUSE CEN-
18 TER.—Of the centers of excellence established under sub-
19 section (a), the Administrator shall designate 1 center of
20 excellence as the “National Electronic Clearinghouse Cen-
21 ter” to—

22 (1) develop, operate, and maintain public data-
23 base and a website that contains information relat-
24 ing to new and emerging stormwater control infra-
25 structure technologies; and

1 (2) publish on such website information from
2 each of the centers of excellence established under
3 this section.

4 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
6 appropriated to carry out this section \$5,000,000 for
7 each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

8 (2) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.—Of the
9 amounts made available for grants under paragraph
10 (1), not more than 2 percent may be used for ad-
11 ministrative costs.

12 (d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “eligible
13 institution” means an institution of higher education, a
14 research institution, or a nonprofit organization—

15 (1) that has demonstrated excellence in re-
16 searching and developing new and emerging
17 stormwater control infrastructure technologies; and

18 (2) with respect to a nonprofit organization, the
19 core mission of which includes water management,
20 as determined by the Administrator.

