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

SEC. 12022. CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE FOR STORMWATER
CONTROL INFRASTRUCTURE TECHNOLOGIES.

(a) Establishment.—

(1) In general.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall provide grants, on a competitive basis, to eligible institutions to establish not more than 5 centers of excellence for new and emerging stormwater control infrastructure technologies, to be located in different geographic regions of the United States.

(2) General operation.—Each center of excellence established with a grant provided under this section shall—

(A) conduct research on new and emerging stormwater control infrastructure technologies that are relevant to the geographical region in which the center of excellence is located to im-
prove the effectiveness, cost efficiency, and protection of public health, public safety, and water quality, including research on—

(i) stormwater and sewer overflow reduction; and

(ii) other approaches to achieve water resource enhancement and other environmental, economic, and social benefits;

(B) maintain a list of—

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

(ii) available new and emerging stormwater control infrastructure technologies;

(C) analyze the usefulness of additional financial programs for the implementation of new and emerging stormwater control infrastructure technologies;

(D) share the results of research conducted under subparagraph (A) with the Federal Government, State, Tribal, and local governments, and the private sector;

(E) provide technical assistance to State, Tribal, and local governments to assist with the
design, construction, operation, and maintenance of stormwater control infrastructure projects that use innovative technologies;

(F) collaborate with institutions of higher education and private and public organizations, including community-based public-private partnerships and other stakeholders, in the geographical region in which the center of excellence is located; and

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

(3) Application.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, an eligible institution shall prepare and submit to the Administrator an application at such time, in such form, and containing such information as the Administrator may require.

(b) National Electronic Clearinghouse Center.—Of the centers of excellence established under subsection (a), the Administrator shall designate 1 center of excellence as the “National Electronic Clearinghouse Center” to—

(1) develop, operate, and maintain public database and a website that contains information relating to new and emerging stormwater control infrastructure technologies; and
(2) publish on such website information from each of the centers of excellence established under this section.

(c) Authorization of Appropriations.—

(1) In general.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section $5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

(2) Limitation on use of funds.—Of the amounts made available for grants under paragraph (1), not more than 2 percent may be used for administrative costs.

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

(1) that has demonstrated excellence in researching and developing new and emerging stormwater control infrastructure technologies; and

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