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A bill for an act  
relating to water; appropriating money for a water technology cluster  
development.  
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; PILOT WATER TECHNOLOGY CLUSTER  
DEVELOPMENT GRANT.**

(a) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2016 is appropriated from the general fund to the  
commissioner of employment and economic development for a grant to a Minnesota-based  
nonprofit with demonstrated expertise in water technology research and development  
to establish a water technology cluster development pilot program. This is a onetime  
appropriation that is available until June 30, 2017.

(b) The grant recipient under paragraph (a) shall:  
(1) define and analyze the competitive position of Minnesota's water technology  
industry;

(2) create a Minnesota water technology cluster road map that will support and  
strengthen the economic competitiveness of the state's water technology industry; and

(3) implement the Minnesota water technology cluster road map.

(c) In carrying out the duties under paragraph (b), the grant recipient shall consult  
with experts from the Pollution Control Agency, the United States Environmental  
Protection Agency, the Minnesota Trade Office, the University of Minnesota and  
other institutions of higher education, and private sector businesses involved in water  
technology development. The focus of the water technology road map shall be on water  
technologies and systems developed by Minnesota and regionally based companies, to the

2.1 extent practicable, that include, but are not limited to, production of drinking water, storm  
2.2 water management, and water reuse and desalinization.

2.3 (d) By January 15, 2017, the grant recipient under paragraph (a) shall report  
2.4 to the commissioner of employment and economic development on the progress in  
2.5 the development and implementation of the water technology cluster road map under  
2.6 paragraph (b).