

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We received and allegation that an NSF rotator Division Director¹ (DD) may have violated conflict of interests (COI) rules by interviewing a candidate² to replace her as DD. The candidate was from an institution³ where the DD was actively interviewing for potential employment as a dean of a different college than the candidate's.

Our investigation confirmed the allegation. However, the DD was not hired for the dean position and left NSF. Although it is clear the DD had a conflict of interests, the seriousness of the violation was minor and mitigated by the fact that she did was not selected for the dean position and was no longer employed by NSF. Accordingly, this case is closed.