

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We received an allegation that two proposals (Proposal 1¹ and Proposal 2²) authored by different individuals (PI-1³ and PI-2⁴) contained identical text and figures. Our review found that while identical text and figures did appear in the proposals, the common material was minimal, was background to the proposals' unique proposed projects, and was acknowledged and/or referenced to PI-1 within Proposal 2. Additionally, we found that Proposal 2 contained a letter of support/collaboration from PI-1. We determined PI-1 and PI-2 collaborated on the common material and that no plagiarism occurred.

Accordingly, this case is *closed* with no further action taken.

