

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

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We received an allegation that improper criteria were applied to the pre-award financial review of a Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) proposal, resulting in a declination recommendation. We found no evidence to support the allegation. Our investigation determined that the award was declined due to an issue with the small business's eligibility to receive an SBIR award and no improper criteria were used in the review or declination of the proposal. This case is <i>closed</i> with no further action taken.	