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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-18-0096-O

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We learned a University investigated one of its faculty members (the PI) for potential research misconduct because the PI had falsely represented the capabilities of facilities at his institution in a proposal submitted to NSF, which was funded. The University concluded the PI's misstatement was irrelevant to the proposed research and did not constitute research misconduct. It sent the PI a counseling letter.

We interviewed the NSF program officer who informed us that the capabilities of the facilities were not material to the funding decision. We sent the PI a Questionable Research Practices letter reminding him to provide accurate information in his NSF proposals.

This case is closed with no further action taken.