

## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

## **CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM**

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This investigation was initiated pursuant to an allegation that an NSF grantee denied tenure to an assistant professor, who had been the principal investigator on three NSF grants, in retaliation for disclosing to the grantee that harassment against him and his students was disrupting his federally-sponsored research. We reviewed the allegations and determined that our office did not have jurisdiction to investigate the retaliation claim because his NSF grants subject to 41 U.S.C. § 4712 (Enhancement of Contractor Protection from Reprisal for Disclosure of Certain Information) were awarded after the disclosures and therefore could not have been the subject of the disclosures.

Accordingly, this investigation is *closed*.