



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-19-0051-O

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We received an allegation of whistleblower retaliation from a former employee of an NSF subcontractor. The complainant alleged he was fired as the result of reporting (1) a gross waste of Federal funds and (2) an abuse of authority relating to a Federal contract or grant. We provided the complainant with our standard Complaint Form to collect additional information about the allegation, so that our office could determine if it had jurisdiction to investigate the allegation of retaliation. The information disclosed by the complainant dealt with suggestions for efficiency and productivity improvements in business processes. Our jurisdictional analysis determined this office does not have jurisdiction to investigate the complaint because the information disclosed by the complainant did not constitute evidence of a gross waste of Federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a Federal contract or grant, or any other public harm within the scope of 41 U.S.C. § 4712.

This case is ***closed*** and no further action will be taken.