

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We conducted an investigation into SBIR/STTR awards made to a small business. Our investigation determined the PI² violated a condition of the small business innovation research program during significant portions of the SBIR/STTR awards. However, because the violations occurred outside of the applicable statute of limitations, and due to conflicting or missing records of a third party, we pursued this matter administratively. We notified the PI of the violations and the PI returned \$46,397 to NSF. In addition, we referred the third party institution to NSF's Award Monitoring and Business Assistance Program due to its inadequate record keeping practices.

Accordingly, this case is *closed*.