

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

## **CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM**

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A case was initiated to review three NSF contracts<sup>1</sup> awarded to a Small Business Administration (SBA) 8(a) company<sup>2</sup>. We reviewed the contract files, interviewed NSF contract and program staff, and reviewed records provided by the company. We identified one potential violation of the 8(a) program's subcontracting limitation; however, given the violation occurred outside of the criminal and civil statutes of limitation, and the company does not have any current NSF contracts and appears to be providing its clients with different services than those it provided to NSF, we decided to close this case as we do not have any viable civil, criminal or administrative remedies available. As part of the close out process, we sent a letter to the 8(a) company recommending it pays careful attention to any applicable subcontracting limitations in the 8(a) program going forward.

Accordingly, this case is *closed*.