

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

## **CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM**

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We investigated allegations that a senior NSF employee was conducting business for two entities, one of which she owned, while on NSF time. We found no evidence supporting the misuse of government time. However, we found that she failed to make appropriate disclosures on her annual financial disclosure forms about the business. We referred the matter to the Department of Justice's Public Integrity Section, which ultimately declined to prosecute. Because the employee left NSF shortly after our investigation began, no administrative remedies were available.

Based on our review of NSF's conflicts of interest manual, we recommended NSF update the section on penalties for noncompliance. NSF implemented our recommendation.

Accordingly, this case is *closed*.