

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We received allegations that a company had an unusually high number of supplements to an NSF award. Relating to a separate NSF proposal, the company tried to have a third party provide the matching funds that the company was itself to provide. While investigating these allegations, we determined that despite company certification to the contrary, the company did not track its expenses or maintain supporting documentation, including timesheets, as required by the NSF award. We referred the matter to the Department of Justice (DOJ), which accepted the case for civil prosecution. DOJ filed a complaint based on the False Claims Act and common law. The company and its President agreed to pay the United States just under \$250,000 to resolve the matter before trial.

This case is *closed* with no further action taken.