



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I15070038

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We received concerns¹ that an NSF-funded company² may lack adequate facilities, may have had an ineligible PI,³ and may have had conflicts of interest concerning a second PI⁴ and the facilities of an affiliated university.⁵ We determined that the company did have facilities and that the cognizant Program Officer⁶ did not have concerns about the company's PI. However, we determined the company entered into subcontracts with the university without any money budgeted for subawards and without NSF's knowledge or permission. We recommended suspension and ultimately termination of the company's award,⁷ which NSF accepted. The university returned money it had received under the unapproved subcontracts to NSF. The U.S. Department of Justice declined this case for prosecution.

This case is closed with no further action taken.

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