



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-18-0039-O

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We investigated an allegation that a PI on NSF awards was affiliated with another university and failed to disclose this affiliation to NSF in proposals. We reviewed records subpoenaed from the awardee university and the PI and obtained via open source and interviewed relevant awardee university personnel. We found more information related to the alleged affiliation at the other university via open source than what was provided by the PI in response to a subpoena. We referred the matter to the U.S. Department of Justice, which declined the matter for prosecution. Before we could enforce the subpoena to the PI in U.S. District Court, the PI left the U.S. and subsequently resigned from the awardee university. We recommended that NSF debar the PI for three years, and NSF concurred with our recommendation.

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