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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We investigated an allegation that a co-PI on an NSF award held outside positions and/or had sources of research funding that were not disclosed in NSF proposals. We reviewed records obtained from the awardee university and the co-PI. We found evidence that the co-PI had undisclosed outside activities; however, the activities were retroactively approved by the awardee university. Further, the awardee university found no conflicts existed between the university work and outside activities. Finally, emails between the co-PI and university personnel showed the co-PI attempted to come into compliance with NSF requirements prior to knowledge of our investigation.

We counseled the PI on the importance of accurate and complete disclosures to NSF regarding appointments.

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