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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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Our office received an allegation of plagiarism in a collaborative NSF proposal (Proposal). Specifically, it was alleged that the Proposal's PIs and co-PI copied text and form from an NSF proposal they did not author into a section of the Proposal. We confirmed there was a small amount of copied text in the Proposal. We contacted the PIs and co-PI. One PI took responsibility for inserting the copied material, which a proposal author provided for use as a template, into the Proposal.

The small quantity of copied text does not rise to the level of research misconduct. Consequently, we sent the PI responsible for inserting the copied material a questionable research practice letter, reminding him about the importance of appropriate citation.

Accordingly, this case is **closed**.