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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We investigated an allegation that an NSF employee, after being directed by NSF management to not have contact with two former Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) assignees, nevertheless had contact with the former IPAs. It was also alleged that the NSF employee worked with one of the former IPAs to submit a grant proposal to another government agency. Additionally, we investigated an allegation that the NSF employee potentially influenced the review of a pending NSF grant proposal, on which the former IPAs was the Principal Investigator. We reviewed NSF records and interviewed NSF employees. Our investigation revealed that although the employee did have contact with both former IPAs after they were terminated, this contact did not violate NSF policy. Furthermore, we confirmed that the employee did work with the former IPA on a proposal, but doing so did not violate any NSF policies. Finally, our investigation did not find any evidence indicating that the NSF employee attempted to influence the review of the pending proposal.

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