



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-22-0033-O

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We received allegations that the grant proposal for a company's Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) award did not follow proper vetting and review procedures and contained information that was inaccurate, misleading, and fraudulent. We reviewed the company's proposal documents; reviewed open-source records regarding company principals and other documents; interviewed the company president; and coordinated with other law enforcement partners. The case was presented to the U.S. Department of Justice where it was declined for criminal prosecution. The allegations could not be substantiated. The proposal was declined by NSF during the merit review process, and therefore no funds were impacted.

This case is closed with no further investigative action taken.