



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-22-0058-O

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We investigated an allegation that an NSF Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) awardee used NSF funds to work on projects unrelated to its award and that its employees were allegedly directed to charge their time on these unrelated projects to the NSF award. We served an IG subpoena to the awardee, reviewed grant documents and other records, and interviewed employees and the Principal Investigator. Our investigation substantiated the allegation that the awardee misused NSF grant funds. The case was presented to the U.S. Department of Justice where it was declined for civil enforcement. We issued a report to NSF recommending it permanently withhold funds from the awardee. NSF concurred with the recommendation and withheld more than \$133,000 in remaining payments on the award.

This case will be *closed* with no further action taken.