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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
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## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We received an allegation that the executive director (Subject) of a small business copied text and references into an NSF proposal (Proposal) on which he was sole PI. The Proposal was returned without review during the merit review process.

We reviewed the Proposal and found text and references copied from two sources. We also found it did not meet NSF's basic requirements for a proposal submission. It was the Subject's only NSF proposal. The Subject took responsibility for the plagiarism. He said he was no longer interested in NSF grants or projects and said the business was now defunct.

We determined the Subject's actions constituted plagiarism. However, based on the totality of the circumstances, we concluded no further investigation was warranted.

We sent the Subject a detrimental research practice letter reminding him of his responsibility to appropriately cite others' materials.

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