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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-22-0009-O

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We investigated allegations that an NSF Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) awardee misused award funds, committed Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan fraud, made false statements in project reports submitted to NSF, and intentionally hired unqualified senior researchers due to nepotism. We reviewed NSF grant records, interviewed NSF staff and key awardee personnel, and reviewed subpoenaed documents related to the NSF grant and the PPP loan. Our investigation did not substantiate the allegations.

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