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Case Closeout Memorandum

OIG Case Number I-23-0065-O | December 2, 2024

We initiated this investigation after a proactive review of wage records indicated that two Principal Investigators (PI) on an NSF Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) award were not primarily employed by the small business concern. We reviewed award documents, state wage records and production from IG subpoenas, and interviewed key members of the awardee company. Our investigation did not substantiate the initial allegations, although we did determine the company violated SBIR program requirements when it was without a PI for two intervals during the award period.

This case is closed with no further action taken.