



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A02020014

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The Office of Inspector General (OIG) at the National Science Foundation (NSF) received an allegation that NSF program staff,¹ failed to remove a reviewer² from a peer review panel after the reviewer disclosed he was employed by a potential subawardee³ of the proposal.

During the course of our investigation, we interviewed the program staff associated with this award, another member of the panel⁴ and the subject.

Based on our investigation, we conclude that the panelist's conflict did not taint the review of the proposal because the panelist was not present during panel discussion of the proposal and because NSF staff stated that they did not consider the panelist's review in deciding whether to make an award on this proposal.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

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