

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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This case was initiated to provide a proactive look at NSF' use of the IPA¹ and VSEE² programs in three specific instances³ to determine if there were any abuses by either NSF or the participants. The Official Personnel and IPA files of each individual were reviewed as well as current NSF policies regarding the programs. Additional information received from NSF's Designated Agency Ethics Officer (DAEO)⁴ confirmed that the IPA was reviewed and approved prior to the assignment based on it being in the best interest of both NSF and the Government.

The reviews found that NSF's actions with respect to the initial appointments and subsequent conversions of the individuals were within NSF and Federal policy.

Accordingly, this case is *closed*.