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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A-04090056

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We received an allegation that the subject, the PI on an NSF award,¹ provided misleading or false information as part of an NSF supported workshop.² It was alleged that promises made to one of the attendees prior to the workshop were not kept. First, it was alleged that the subject promised free copies of materials developed by the PI and others at the institution under the NSF award to each workshop participant. Second, it was alleged that each workshop participant would receive a specific type of credit for attending the workshop.

Our review showed that the award's objectives clearly stated that the developed materials would be distributed nationally via a publisher, not the PI or the PI's institution. Further, the developed materials were expected to be available at reasonable costs to anyone interested. The purpose of the workshop was to expose selected participants to the materials and how they could be used. A second conversation with the attendee confirmed that he had no evidence that the subject had promised free copies of the developed materials to the participants.

In addition, the attendee said that he received a letter from the subject prior to the workshop that promised he would receive a specific type of credit for the workshop when completed. The attendee³ provided this letter, which specifically stated the type of credit he would receive. The attendee also provided a copy of a certificate awarding him these credits.

We found no evidence to support the allegation that misleading or false statements were made by the PI about workshop. This case is closed and no further action will be taken.

¹ NSF award [REDACTED], entitled "[REDACTED]," was submitted by the subject, PI, [REDACTED], and co-PI [REDACTED], both in [REDACTED].

² NSF supported [REDACTED].

³ The attendee, [REDACTED], is [REDACTED].