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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A-04120075

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Our office received an allegation¹ that the subject,² the PI on NSF declined proposals³ attempted to receive duplicate funding to do the same work he had been funded to do under an NSF award.⁴ The subject had submitted identical proposals, one each year for 2 consecutive years after receiving the NSF award. Further, it was alleged that a statement in each of the subject's declined proposals was misleading about the subject's existing laboratory facilities.

A review of the subject's award and his two proposals revealed that the alleged overlap in work presented in the award was actually an extension of the previous work and some repeated tests regarding the findings in the earlier award. The proposals contained significant new material and goals that clearly separated them from the award.

Our review of the alleged misleading statement made in the proposals about the subject's laboratory facilities showed that in each case the statement cited the same original source of the technique. We also noted that in the earlier declined proposal's Facilities and Equipment section, the subject discussed the new laboratory facilities recently completed at the institution, which include the equipment necessary to do the work at the institution.

This case is closed and no further action will be taken.

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