

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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NSF OIG reviewed an allegation of plagiarism in a proposal¹ submitted by a PI² on behalf of a small business.³ We contacted the PI and received a response from the company's attorney.⁴ In the response, the attorney said the company did not deny that the proposal contained copied text and said that it had implemented corrective measures to prevent future plagiarism.

We initiated an internal investigation, during which the attorney provided us with documents proving that the PI did not himself author the proposal. We sent the PI a QRP reminding him of his responsibility to name all authors of proposals within an NSF proposal.

Accordingly, this case is *closed and no further action will be taken*.