



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A11040031

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We reviewed the financial records of an NSF award¹ in response to concerns about the administration of the funds. The performing institution² was a newly-formed, small independent company. At the time of the award the independent company lacked the administrative infrastructure and non-profit status to accept the award itself and arranged for a nearby university research corporation³ to accept the award on its behalf. The university corporation provided the administrative support for the award.

While our review of the records identified some significant reallocations of funds among budget categories, the evidence did not indicate that they had resulted from fraud or other improper actions. Rather the reallocations appeared to reflect changes in award personnel with the NSF program officer's awareness. There was no evidence to suggest that the university research corporation had acted improperly in its administration of the funds.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

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