



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION  
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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Our office received information that two proposals<sup>1</sup> submitted by current National Science Board (NSB) members<sup>2</sup> had not undergone the special handling process detailed in the Proposal and Award Manual (PAM).<sup>3</sup> We reviewed these matters and determined that, while no misconduct occurred, both situations reflected inconsistent and inadequate implementation of the PAM's stated process. Given our findings, we proactively reviewed other proposals submitted by NSB members and similarly found procedural lapses. Based on these reviews, we compiled recommendations intended to prevent future such occurrences.

We provided these recommendations to NSF and NSB in a Management Implication Report. They provided our office with a response, in which they agreed to implement each recommendation.<sup>4</sup> They also provided our office with documentation indicating proper handling of all current NSB members' proposals and awards.

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

<sup>1</sup> [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Both proposals were awarded.

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<sup>3</sup> NSF Manual #10, IV.D.

<sup>4</sup> NSF and NSB indicated that the recommendations will be implemented by end of February 2012, end of May 2012, or January 2013, depending on the extent of the changes required to implement the recommendation.