

## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

## **CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM**

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Potential duplicative research at a company<sup>1</sup> was apparent in final reports for overlapping SBIR awards sent to two federal agencies.<sup>2</sup> The PI of the proposals<sup>3</sup> was able to satisfactorily explain differences in the research supported by the awards, and asserted that common material in the reports was mistakenly included. The explanations were sufficient to dispel the appearance of duplicative research in the Phase I award. Phase II SBIR proposals were submitted to both agencies, and properly mutually disclosed. Only one agency<sup>4</sup> funded the Phase II award.

Accordingly, this case is *closed*.

