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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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On December 12, 2002, we received an allegation that a university<sup>1</sup> had failed to fulfill its cost-sharing obligation. Specifically, it was alleged that approximately \$40,000 budgeted to upgrade a computer to be used for grant<sup>2</sup> sponsored research, was never provided to make the purchase. The complainant<sup>3</sup> stated that the funds were to represent the university's cost-sharing obligation for the award and because the funds were not provided the equipment was not purchased.

We obtained supporting documentation and a request was issued to the University for various records relating to the grant. The requested records, including an acknowledgement from the university that it had confirmed the allegations, were received and subsequently reviewed.

The university also proposed corrective actions and identified steps taken to ensure future compliance. The university's proposal was reviewed and approved by both the Program Officer and the DGA Office and subsequently accepted. This corrective action resulted in the purchase of the computer originally identified for the research work and resulted in funds totaling \$58,229 being put to better use in support of the grant.

Based on the lack of any evidence to indicate the actions of the university were intentional, their eagerness to fulfill their obligations to the grant and their proactive actions to ensure future compliance with all grant policies and requirements, this investigation is closed and no further action is warranted.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

