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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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The National Science Foundation (NSF) Office of Inspector General (OIG) selected this award as part of a review of conferences, workshops and symposia with respect to compliance with program income requirement. The award provided funds for a two-day workshop. The review revealed that cost charged to the grant included a 4-day trip to Hawaii by the Principal Investigator (PI) 6 months after the workshop.

NSF/OIG requested that the University¹ provide us with financial information, supporting documentation and justification regarding the use of award funds for travel to Hawaii. The University provided all financial information as well as justification for the trip to Hawaii. According to the PI, the trip to Hawaii was for participation in a meeting to answer questions that were addressed in the white paper report that was to be submitted to NSF as part of the award.

We contacted the Program Officer (PO) and informed her of the PI's explanation for the trip, and asked if she had authorized the travel. The PO advised that she did not recall whether she gave prior approval for the trip, however upon receiving recent information she felt that the response was adequate and justified.

The University provided all necessary financial documents and adequate explanations for the use of funds. Accordingly, this case is closed.

¹ Footnote redacted