



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I04-12-0052

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The National Science Foundation, Office of Inspector General, conducted a review of fiscal year 2000 through fiscal year 2003 closed awards that involved substantial participant support funds. As part of the review, we requested the grantee¹ provide financial information and supporting documentation on NSF award.²

The documentation provided by the grantee revealed several questionable expenses. The Grants Administrator in the Office of Sponsored Program³ explained that there was confusion over the supply items because the award had two components: a workshop and fieldwork. Given the unusual circumstances the grantee requested that the supply costs be covered by the grant. The grantee also acknowledged that⁴ participant support funds were mistakenly used for travel costs.

The program Officer⁵ advised that the purchases were used in support of the workshop and field project and therefore would have been considered an appropriate participant support cost.

The grantee forwarded payment for the travel costs to NSF/OIG and ensured that no federal funds were used for reimbursement.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

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