

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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On 25 January 2005, OIG Office of Investigations (OIG/OI) received a referral from the Office of Audit. The referral discussed a recent fraud uncovered by the Department of Education and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the New Orleans Public School (NOPS). The research forwarded to OIG/OI indicated that the National Science Foundation (NSF) had approximately \$10 million in funding in the school district during the time of the alleged fraud scheme.

I researched NSF systems to determine if the award¹ discussed in the allegation was still active and the nature of the funding included. The award has been closed since 1999. I also requested and received the program file from archive and reviewed it in its entirety. The program file contained an audit report² performed by the Office of Inspector General/Office of Audit. The report contained several instances where it appeared monies had been misappropriated. The report was sent to NSF for resolution. NSF's Cost Analysis and Audit Resolution Branch resolved the issue and sustained costs totaling approximately \$300,000.

Accordingly, this case is *closed*.

¹ footnote redacted

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