



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I09070034

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We received allegations that an NSF awardee¹ and its employees had engaged in various forms of fraudulent conduct, including but not limited to false reporting to NSF, misuse of personal time off, false travel expense reports and missing receipts, excessive personal vehicle usage, purchase of personal items using federal funds, waste of federal funds on vehicle procurements and dispositions, mischarging of education and outreach expenses, and mischarging of bid and proposal costs.

In coordination with another federal agency OIG² and a U.S. Attorney's Office,³ we subpoenaed documents from the organization and interviewed former employees. The documents contained no obvious indicators of fraud, and the former employees failed to substantiate the allegations and in some cases directly contradicted them.

Because the documents did, however, contain some unexplained financial anomalies, we interviewed several current leaders and employees of the organization. The employees provided credible explanations for the anomalous data and for the balance of the allegations. We concluded, along with the Assistant United States Attorney involved in the case, that insufficient evidence existed to substantiate the allegations and support a civil fraud action.

Accordingly, this case is closed, with no further action taken.

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