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## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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This case was opened when a university<sup>1</sup> discovered that one of its professors<sup>2</sup> was proposed to be a subcontractor on an award<sup>3</sup> made to his wife's<sup>4</sup> company<sup>5</sup> located at the couple's home address.

A review of the award's expenditures found no substantive issues, given the fixed price nature of the award. A review of the proposal identified plagiarized text. The PI claimed the text was technically constrained, but this claim was not supported by the evidence. Because the proposal had multiple contributors, no one individual's act rose to the level of research misconduct. Thus, we sent a letter to the PI reminding her to carefully and fully cite all source material.

This case is closed with no further action taken.

