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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I12070048

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This case was opened under a proactive review looking at SBIR Phase II awards in which the PI may not have been primarily employed by the grantee, as required in the SBIR requirements. We investigated the PI¹ of a small business² that has received three NSF STTR awards.³ We reviewed financial documentation, timesheets and payroll records for the primary Phase II award granted to the business in 2009. While we determined that the PI worked for the business at least 50% of his time during the award period, our review found that the PI diverted funds to the university⁴ associated with the award without prior program office approval. The PI also did not notify the NSF Property Manager when approved permanent equipment was purchased under the award, as required by the award terms and conditions.⁵ An appropriate warning was sent to the PI.

Accordingly, this investigation is closed.

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