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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We received an allegation that a PI¹ might have submitted duplicate research proposals to NSF² and another federal agency.³ We compared the objectives and work descriptions in the PI's NSF proposal and the proposal submitted to the other agency, using plagiarism detection software. The proposals contained significant overlapping text regarding project objectives. However, the proposals contained minimal overlap regarding work descriptions.

We found no issues with the PI's NSF award, which was active prior to his award from the other agency. Therefore, NSF was not victimized by research duplication. Accordingly, our investigation is closed.

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