

Closeout for M00020007

In February 2000, we received an allegation¹ that the PI² of an Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) proposal³ may have committed plagiarism. It was also alleged the research the PI had proposed was completed before NSF made the award. We do not believe the allegation of plagiarism is sustainable because the PI acknowledged the author⁴ as having contributed to the project. Although it is still possible that administrative action may be taken, such as suspension of the PI's current SBIR Phase II award,⁵ debarment, or a finding of misconduct in science, this investigation is converted to an I-case because of the presence of possible criminal/civil violations.

¹ From Dr. [REDACTED], Professor and Chair of the [REDACTED] Dept. of [REDACTED] University.

² Dr. [REDACTED] is President of [REDACTED]

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⁴ Mr. [REDACTED] was a graduate student of Dr. [REDACTED]

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