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**Re: Resolution of NSF OIG Audit Report No. 15-1-017**

Dear Ms. Davis:

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has completed the review and resolution of the NSF Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) audit report on George Mason University's labor effort reporting system under the Federal Demonstration Project's pilot payroll certification program.

NSF sustains both of the findings identified in the audit report. After reviewing the University's response to the draft audit report and the University's additional response to NSF dated October 9, 2015, NSF has determined that the corrective actions proposed are reasonable and acceptable to address the findings and recommendations. NSF takes no exception to the steps taken by the University to improve the timeliness of effort certifications and bimonthly cost reconciliations (Finding 1), and to improve the University's internal controls over information technology (Finding 2). As a result, NSF requires no further actions to be taken by the University regarding Finding 1, and considers the finding resolved and closed. Given that NSF has accepted the University's plan to implement additional corrective actions in the form of a two-factor authentication project to strengthen controls over information technology by July 2016, NSF considers Finding 2 resolved, but will require final action in the form of documentation that verifies that the project has been completed.

On the behalf of NSF, I thank you for cooperating with the audit resolution process; the University's timely responses and full cooperation has been greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions regarding this letter or the resolution of the audit report, please contact me (703) 292-4827.

Sincerely,

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