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## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A13030036

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We received an allegation of plagiarism in a funded NSF proposal.<sup>1</sup> We contacted the PI<sup>2</sup> about the allegation. He acknowledged responsibility for a minimal amount of the copied text and apologized for his “errors of judgment.” Regarding the other copied text, he said he helped author the material we identified from two sources and said a student was responsible for inclusion of material from another source.

We reviewed another proposal<sup>3</sup> the PI submitted and identified no copied text. We did not identify a pattern of plagiarism.

Based on the PI’s response and our additional review, we determined the copied material for which the PI was responsible did not rise to the level of research misconduct.

Accordingly, this case is closed with no further action taken.

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