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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A13120094

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We assessed an allegation that an SBIR grantee may have received funding for duplicate research, or otherwise violated NSF rules or regulations.¹ The company's involvement in this area of research can be traced back to its founders CAREER award starting in 2007, and other intermittent funding received by its researchers since that time. As part of the SBIR proposal, the authors describe potential competitors in the field, and the differences between proposed research and that previously completed.² The program officer's analysis after panel review followed up with relationships between proposed research and previous work, prior to recommendation for funding. There is no support for the assertion that the award represents funding of research that has already been completed.

This case is closed with no further action taken.

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