



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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A proactive review of various Conference Grants identified two concerns regarding a grant to a midwestern university¹ that required additional investigation. The first concern involved various travel expenses for P.I. listed on the award to travel to Washington for a meeting with NSF regarding the funded project. If the purpose of this meeting was to attempt to influence NSF officials on a pending proposal, it could be a violation of the Byrd Amendment.²

The second issue involved references contained in the university's response to our initial request for additional documentation. Although the grantee stated that there was no Program Income generated by the Grant, there were references identifying registration fees for a "workshop" held in 2002.

In December 2003 we requested additional information from the university regarding the award³ and we received a response from the university on February 15, 2004⁴.

Our review of the university's response and the supporting documentation, including financial documents that they submitted, found their explanations to be sufficient and supported by the documents.

Additionally, the issues identified during the preliminary review have been addressed and it has been determined that the university did not violate any NSF policies or procedures and no future action is warranted.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

