



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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The National Science Foundation (NSF), Office of Inspector General (NSF/OIG) received an allegation regarding a grantee¹ that may have received duplicative SBIR funding from NSF and other federal agencies.

NSF/OIG compared the NSF Phase I and NSF Phase II awards with the awards from the other agencies and determined that the technology appeared to be similar. However the awardee¹ applied the technology to solve sufficiently different problems.

The Program Manager² advised that in her opinion the grantee had not received duplicative funding. According to the Program Manager, it is not uncommon for Principal Investigators (PIs) to build an area of expertise on a certain technology without duplication and to apply it to solve different problems.

This case is recommended for closure due the lack of evidence of duplicative funding. Accordingly, this case is closed.

¹ Footnote redacted

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