



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-05080046

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As part of a proactive review of grants awarded under the "US-Egypt Joint Fund Program," a preliminary inquiry was opened to assess if a private company¹ an awardee of the program had used participant funds as prescribed by NSF's policies and procedures. After review of the financial information associated with the award² and numerous requests for additional information, the preliminary inquiry was closed and an investigation was initiated.

OIG reviewed the information submitted by the company and determined that additional information was needed to support additional monies paid to a foreign collaborator³ on the grant. The foreign collaborator was initially budgeted to receive approximately \$28,000; however, the company received \$35,000 without any explanation for the excess funds. OIG contacted the Chief Operating Officer (COO)⁴ for the awardee to request an explanation for the additional funds expended to the foreign collaborator and a statement of work. The COO contacted our office and stated that the request for information was delegated to the Principal Investigator⁵ for the grant and that he would be able to better address our questions. We received the additional information needed to substantiate the claim attributed to [REDACTED]. We concluded that all monies were spent in accordance with NSF policies and procedures. Accordingly, this case is closed.

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