



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION  
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I10050019

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We initiated an investigation into a cooperative agreement<sup>1</sup> to an Alaskan non-profit organization<sup>2</sup> and the PI<sup>3</sup> for potential misuse of NSF funds. During our review of documents produced by the organization, we identified significant concerns about the tracking and expenditure of NSF funds. As a result, we recommended NSF debar the non-profit organization and the PI for three years. NSF agreed with our recommendation regarding the PI, and upon receiving no response to its notice of proposed debarment, debarred the PI for three years. NSF also agreed with our recommendation regarding the organization and proposed debarment, but through *pro bono* counsel the organization responded and advised NSF that (a) it had severed ties with the PI; (b) it was engaged in winding down and dissolving its operations; and (c) it would cooperate with NSF in transferring any remaining grants and grant funds to other institutions for completion of the grants. Based on these representations, NSF entered into an administrative agreement with the organization in lieu of debarment. NSF also ensured all four of the organization's active grants were transferred to other institutions.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

