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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

**CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM**

Case Number: I10060027

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OIG opened this investigation based on an allegation that purchase cards at a University<sup>1</sup> are abused and that funds from an NSF award<sup>2</sup> were used to purchase equipment<sup>3</sup> without going through a competitive bidding process. An audit was performed by a State Auditor's Office<sup>4</sup> and this matter was reviewed and resolved.<sup>5</sup>

After reviewing documentation provided by the complainant, reviewing the NSF proposal and audit report, and after consultation with NSF officials<sup>6</sup> on this matter, there appears to be no indication of fraud or misuse of NSF grant funds in this matter. NSF officials stated that approval was not required from NSF when the University changed its vendor selection process, the procurement action did not affect the award, and was not a significant factor in recommending that the award be funded. Since this matter was already addressed and resolved by the Audit Report and University, and NSF has no objection, there is no issue to pursue. Therefore no further action is required by NSF/OIG on this matter

This investigation is **closed**.

