

Closeout for M99080044

On August 11, 1999, we received an e-mail complaint from a former PI¹ who alleged that an NSF web-based award abstract² deprived him of authorship credit. The former PI indicated that this abstract listed only the names of the current PIs for the award, but failed to reference his name even though he originally wrote and submitted the funded proposal.

Although internal NSF records demonstrate the veracity of the former PI's authorship claim, NSF's publicly accessible web site offers no such support. In general, NSF displays only the names of current PIs on all of its web-based award abstracts. We sent the former PI a copy of the grant's award letter and cover page for use as proof of his original contribution. Furthermore, we recommended that NSF's web-based award abstracts should identify both former and current PIs where appropriate.³

On March 20, 2000, we were informed that NSF initiated implementation of our recommendation.⁴

This inquiry is closed and no further action will be taken.

cc: Integrity, IG

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2 Footnotes Redacted

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