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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A14030013

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NSF OIG received an allegation that an NSF award¹ was obtained fraudulently, that the award funded previously completed research and a participant's education, and that the resulting data was not shared with others.

Our review of NSF records, University records, and other documents did not identify evidence of fraud or misuse of funds. First, our review of the general ledger did not identify any financial irregularity related to the award. Second, the use of previously collected data and the funding of an individual's education were explicitly written into the approved proposal and budget. Last, we did not find substantive similarities between the proposed and completed work and previously published documents.

Regarding the issue of data sharing, we found that, while not all of the data is currently available to the public, a substantive portion of the data is available on a website,² which is accessible without registration or providing personal information. Our review found that more of the data will be made available following the resolution of technical issues.

Accordingly this case is closed, with a letter sent to the Award's PI³ reminding her of her responsibility to share the data in a timely fashion.

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