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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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Our office received an allegation of plagiarism in an NSF proposal.¹ Based on our review, we identified two sections of copied text from two sources. The first text was copied from the PI/co-PI university website which described an education program at the university. The proposal had a goal of supporting students who were to be involved in that program. Given that the text came from their university's website and the text described a program in which grant-funded students would be involved, we determined that it was reasonable for them to use this text without attribution.

The second section of copied text was from a document that described an open source computer program. The copied text was bracketed by a pair of citations to the source and the text simply described the characteristics and capabilities of the program and contained no intellectual material. In this specific case, we consider the bracketed citations to provide adequate attribution.

This case is closed with no further action taken.