



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-16-0018-O

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This investigation was initiated pursuant to an allegation that a company¹ located in Indiana was making false representations regarding the National Science Foundation. Specifically, the business used NSF's logo, and claimed in numerous online press releases, social media posts, and on labeled products, that NSF was evaluating and certifying its merchandise and that the company was procuring products from an NSF-certified laboratory.

We researched the company and its affiliates,² acquired company products,³ and analyzed the company's operations. Because the company no longer displays NSF's name or logo on its websites or products, and our investigation revealed that it did not make any additional claims of NSF support, we decided not to investigate further. We notified the company of our investigation, and provided it with a warning regarding the misrepresentation of a federal agency and the misuse of its name and logo. We recommended it strictly adhere to federal guidelines regarding claims of federal support, and stated that criminal and/or civil charges could be pursued in the future if any incidents such as this arise in the future.

Accordingly, this investigation is closed.

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