



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-12050025

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We received an allegation from another agency¹ that a company owner² may have had a conflict of interest and violated subcontracting limitations on SBIR awards his company³ received. The company owner's wife⁴ served as company PI, and subcontracted to the company owner through his position at a university⁵.

We substantiated the allegations and suspended active awards NSF had made to the company owner through his position at the university. During our investigation, the suspended awards expired, resulting in \$235,342.28 in funds put to better use.

The company owner and his wife were each indicted on ten counts of wire fraud related to a contract the company received from a different agency. No charges were filed related to NSF funding.

This case is closed with no further action taken.

