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Grant Reviewer Plagiarized Work Product

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CNCS management discovered a temporary CNCS employee hired to serve as a panel member for the 2016 AmeriCorps State and National Grant Review process submitted work products that appeared to have been plagiarized from her follow panel reviewers. CNCS staff reported the temporary employee may have falsely certified her timesheets that included time she did not perform her assigned work.

The CNCS-OIG investigation found that the temporary employee in guestion submitted individual review forms to CNCS that were identical or almost identical to her follow panel reviewers. The temporary employee admitted to CNCS-OIG investigators she copied portions of her fellow reviewers' evaluations after completing her own work to reflect combined ideas/findings, if the other reviewers' points were better or mentioned other ideas to support their consensus. There was insufficient evidence to prove that the temporary employee falsely certified her timesheets, and the temporary employee is no longer employed by CNCS.

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