

# AT A GLANCE

## Performance Audit of the National Science Foundation's Information Security Program for FY 2018

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### AUDIT OBJECTIVE

The NSF Office of Inspector General (OIG) engaged Kearney & Company, P.C. (Kearney) to conduct a performance audit of NSF's Information Security Program for FY 2018, as required by the *Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014* (FISMA). The audit, which was conducted in accordance with the performance audit standards established by Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS), included an assessment of the corrective actions taken by NSF in response to prior-year FISMA audits. Kearney is responsible for the attached auditor's report and the conclusions expressed therein. NSF OIG does not express any opinion on the conclusions presented in Kearney's audit report.

### AUDIT RESULTS

Kearney found that NSF has an established Information Security Program and has implemented appropriate corrective actions in response to all three findings reported in the FY 2017 FISMA report. Kearney issued two new findings in the areas of Identity and Access Management and Data Protection and Privacy.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Kearney made five recommendations, which, if implemented, will improve NSF's IT Security Program.

### AGENCY RESPONSE

NSF generally agreed with the findings and recommendations, and plans to incorporate the results of the audit as it continues to make improvements in the IT Security Program. NSF's response is included in its entirety at Appendix A.

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