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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
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## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We investigated allegations that an NSF employee violated Federal ethics statutes by steering a procurement to an individual with whom she had a financial business relationship. We determined that the employee assisted in selecting the contractor, and, despite routinely seeking conflict of interest guidance from the NSF Office of General Counsel (OGC) on other matters, did not consult with OGC during the procurement of the contractor. We referred the matter to the Department of Justice, which declined to prosecute. We reported the possible violation of the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch to the employee's supervisor, who formally counseled the employee and required her to take conflict of interest training.

Accordingly, this case is closed.