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Reference: OIG Report No. 24-1-005

Dear Jonathan Tucker & Nan Lomax,

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has completed the review and resolution of the NSF Office of Inspector General (NSF OIG) audit report on costs incurred under NSF awards by Mississippi State University (MSU) dated January 26, 2024.

The audit report questioned \$34,314 in costs claimed under NSF awards and recommended that MSU strengthen its administrative and management controls for the areas in which findings were identified. As a result of its resolution efforts, NSF sustains all the findings and recommendations and has determined that \$34,314 will be disallowed. The table below summarizes the resolution of each finding by recommendation:

Recs	Description	Questioned	Disallowed	Allowed	Final Action Complete
1.1	Unallowable Expenses	\$23,205	\$23,205	\$0	Yes
1.2	Unallowable Expenses	n/a	n/a	n/a0	Yes
1.3	Unallowable Expenses	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes
1.4	Unallowable Expenses	n/a	n/a	n/a\$0	Yes
2.1	Indirect Rates Not Appropriately Applied	\$6,063	\$6,063	\$0	Yes
2.2	Indirect Rates Not Appropriately Applied	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes
2.3	Indirect Rates Not Appropriately Applied	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes
3.1	Inappropriately Allocated Expenses	\$2,538	\$2,538	\$0	Yes
3.2	Inappropriately Allocated Expenses	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes
4.1	Inappropriate ACM\$ Drawdowns	\$2,508	\$2,508	\$0	Yes
4.2	Inappropriate ACM\$ Drawdowns	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes
5.1	Inadequate Financial Management System	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes
6.1	Non-Compliance with MSU Policies	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes
6.2	Non-Compliance with MSU Policies	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes
6.3	Non-Compliance with MSU Policies	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes

Recs	Description	Questioned	Disallowed	Allowed	Final Action Complete
6.4	Non-Compliance with MSU Policies	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes
6.5	Non-Compliance with MSU Policies	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes
	<b><i>Summary of Total Questioned Costs</i></b>	<b><i>\$34,314</i></b>	<b><i>\$34,314</i></b>	<b><i>\$0</i></b>	

To resolve the audit findings and questioned costs, NSF conducted detailed reviews of applicable Federal and NSF requirements, proposal and award information maintained by the Agency, and documentation provided by MSU. Based on the table above NSF considers all audit report findings, recommendations, and questioned costs resolved and closed. No further actions are required by MSU.

The University's timely responses and cooperation with the NSF audit resolution process are greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions regarding this letter or the NSF audit resolution process, please contact me at (703) 292-4827 or rray@nsf.gov.

Sincerely,

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