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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 30, 2015

TO: Martha Rubenstein
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SUBJECT: Completion of Corrective Action Taken in Response to *NSF Should Assess its Administrative Cost Recovery Rate to Ensure it Accurately Reflects the Level of Effort Involved in Interagency Agreements*, OIG 14-6-001

The OIG is responsible for tracking the corrective actions NSF takes in response to OIG recommendations. Consequently, we have reviewed the status of NSF's actions taken to address the subject memorandum's recommendation, that NSF assess its administrative cost recovery process to ensure that the fees charged reflect the level of effort involved.

In a summary document that NSF provided to us on December 14, 2015, NSF stated that it reviewed information and held meetings on the Administrative Cost Recovery (ACR) rate process at NSF and canvassed other agencies to understand how they calculate ACR rates. NSF stated that it took this information into account as part of its annual rate reassessment in September 2015.

We consider NSF's actions to be responsive to the recommendation. As such, the recommendation and the memo are closed as of the date of this memo.

Attachment

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**Performance Improvement Plan in response to OIG's March 12, 2014 Memorandum (Alert Memo?):
 "NSF**

Should Assess its Administrative Cost Recovery Rate to Ensure it Accurately Reflects the Level of Effort Involved in Interagency Agreements (14-6-001, TeamMate 14-P-3-001)"

Recommendation	Planned Action	Expected Start Date	Expected Completion Date
<p>We recommend that NSF assess its administrative cost recovery process to ensure that the fees charged reflect the level of effort involved.</p>	<p>1. BFA will reassess the ACR rate methodology</p> <p>2. BFA will canvass other agencies to understand how they calculate ACRs and take that into account as part of reassessment.</p>	<p>April 1, 2015 or after approximately six months of successful iTRAK operation</p> <p>April 1, 2015</p>	<p>October 1, 2015</p> <p>October 1, 2015</p>