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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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In fiscal year 2021, we provided Management Advisories to NSF based on issues identified during our investigations. Listed below are suggestions made to the agency:

- January 22, 2021 – We suggested that NSF consider a website banner notifying the public of potential scams purporting to offer NSF money to private individuals, and that NSF makes awards to institutions, not private individuals. We also suggested that NSF include a link to the FTC website regarding potential scams.
- June 1, 2021 – We suggested that NSF consider:
 - a consistent practice of uploading updated Current & Pending Support (CPS) in award eJacket correspondence/Diary Notes by POs;
 - a consistent practice of requesting updated CPS information pre-award;
 - modifying the CPS form to require that institutions list and identify overlap, and how the PI intends on resolving the overlap;
 - requiring the submission of a CPS update with each annual report; and
 - requesting updates on affiliations throughout the proposal and award lifecycle.

This case is closed with no further action taken.