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Closure Recommendation Memorandum

Case Number: 20-0084-C	Date of Entry: 10/20/2020
Primary Investigator:	(b)(3)

Allegation Information

Narrative:

OIG received information alleging that Subject is utilizing his position at the NRO to obtain contracting jobs for personal friends, and that the contract cost increase significantly with no added service.

Last Investigative Step:

Interviewed Contracting Officer

Resolution:

Unsubstantiated

Case Closure Recommendation Justification

(b)(3)
(b)(7)(c)

Additional Information:

SA [] conducted a review of [] email and chat history, and found no evidence that he has a personal friendship with any of the [] individuals on contract [] There was significant evidence of work conducted by the [] individuals on contract. (b)(3)

SA [] reviewed contracting documentation and requested a review by SA [] who opined that the rate increase was [] and seemed to be reasonable; the average rates went from [] one year, to [] the next year. (b)(3)
(b)(4)

SA [] participated with SA [] in a phone interview with CO [] explained that the rates for the expertise for this contract could be considered on the low side; the three individuals have 100 years of experience and intimate knowledge of the specialized contract work. [] added that the rates included overhead, which increase the cost, and in this case there are only [] employees who all work at government facilities, therefore there aren't a lot of overhead costs, so maybe that was factored in to the lower rate. (b)(3)

[] said he also had questions two months ago when he acquired the contract, but was satisfied with the contract when all of the information above was considered.

Recommend closing this case as it was unfounded.

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