

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
INVESTIGATIONS



INVESTIGATIVE CASE SUMMARIES



**August 2020**

In August 2020, a locally employed staff member at a U.S. Embassy resigned pending a final decision on disciplinary action after his security certification was revoked. OIG special agents determined that while he was acting as a grants officer representative, the former employee coerced payments from a grant recipient that were paid to himself and a local nongovernmental organization.

In August 2020, a Department employee received a 14-day suspension without pay and a warning letter that has placed his security clearance on probation for 2 years. OIG and Homeland Security Investigations special agents determined the employee illegally sponsored an H-1B U.S. non-immigrant visa for an accountant to work at a company he owned and operated outside of his Department position.

In August 2020, a grantee, his company, and a senior executive were debarred for 3 years. OIG special agents determined the grantee claimed \$21,900 in salary for a position that did not exist on a grant. The Department disallowed and recovered the costs.