AMTRAK CONTRACTING OFFICER SENTENCED IN \$7.6M CONTRACT STEERING SCHEME

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A former Amtrak employee was sentenced on January 22, 2019, in U.S. District Court to a year and one day incarceration for federal program bribery. Also, the court ordered the employee to forfeit funds and property totaling \$20,042.

Timothy Miller, who pleaded guilty on April 19, 2018, to one count of federal program bribery, was employed as a Lead Contract Administrator with Amtrak and was responsible for procuring equipment and services and managing the account for diesel and locomotive seat-cushion vendors. According to court documents, Miller steered four fleet maintenance contracts worth more than \$7.6 million to a single vendor in exchange for approximately \$20,000 in bribes, trips, and other items of value.

A cross-agency team of special agents from Amtrak OIG, the FBI, and the U.S. Department of Transportation OIG conducted the investigation that resulted in the charge.