



CONTRACTOR FALSIFIED ENGINEERING CREDENTIALS
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In conjunction with the Department of Transportation OIG, we investigated allegations that a former employee of an Amtrak contractor falsified his engineering credentials. The former employee, a field inspector on the Thames River Bridge project for Amtrak in 2008, provided Amtrak's contractor with a falsified diploma for a degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Vermont, as well as falsified credentials from the National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies. These credentials were not properly verified by the contractor. Amtrak paid \$109,000 for the work performed by the falsely credentialed field inspector. Amtrak engineering determined that another field inspector conducted the same types of inspections on a different shift so the inspections of the falsely credentialed inspector did not entail critical safety issues. The falsely credentialed field inspector also worked on other projects funded by the Department of Transportation. He was arrested in March 2014, based on a warrant issued in the State of Connecticut Superior Court for larceny in the first degree.