



**EMPLOYEE AGREES TO CIVIL SETTLEMENT RELATED TO THE
RECEIPT OF ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOAN ADVANCE**

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On March 11, 2024, an Amtrak customer service representative based in Miami, Florida, signed a civil settlement agreement with the U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of Florida, and agreed to pay a total of \$15,000, including \$10,000 in restitution. Our investigation found that the employee falsified an application for a COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL), and he received a EIDL loan advance in the amount of \$10,000 from the Small Business Administration. While the employee claimed the loan was for a t-shirt making business, when we interviewed the employee, he admitted that the loan application was fraudulent.