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**AMTRAK PROCUREMENT POLICY VIOLATED**  
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**CASE # DC-11-0291**

OIG investigation disclosed that an Amtrak employee circumvented a company business practice intended to limit the tenure of independent contractors to 2 years. An independent contractor was retained for 7 years and was, in fact, retained for an additional year after a request to extend the contractor had been denied by the Amtrak Independent Contractor Review Panel. The method of paying this contractor, using multiple payment requests in amounts under \$5,000 each, was also found to be questionable. In total, the contractor was paid more than \$1 million from 2004 through 2011. There was no indication of personal benefit to the responsible Amtrak employee. This matter was referred to Amtrak management and resulted in administrative action and the implementation of additional compliance and monitoring initiatives.