

National Railroad Passenger Corporation Office of Inspector General

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AMTRAK INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR OBTAINS HOTEL REWARD POINTS OCTOBER 31, 2013 CASE # DC-13-0020

OI found that a former Amtrak executive, hired as an Independent Contractor, requested and received "unclaimed" hotel reward points for Amtrak conferences and training events. This conduct gave the appearance of a conflict of interest. This same individual was also found to have disclosed information about an ongoing Internal Affairs investigation by the Amtrak Police Department. Amtrak management accepted our recommendation and will revise Amtrak's business travel policy to address promotional benefits such as reward points and airline miles.