EMPLOYEE AGREES TO FORBEARANCE AND WORKOUT AGREEMENT RELATED TO THE FRAUDULENT RECEIPT OF AN ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOAN

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An Amtrak lead service attendant based in Miami, Florida, entered into a forbearance and workout agreement on May 22, 2024, with the Small Business Administration (SBA) and agreed to a payment schedule to satisfy his settlement and restitution amounts. The employee agreed to pay a total of \$124,631 including fines, fees, and interest. The employee applied for and received an SBA-backed Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) for economic losses resulting from the pandemic related to self-employment or businesses he allegedly owned. Our investigation found that the employee submitted an application to the SBA that included false statements and information to qualify for the EIDL loan. As a result, the employee received an EIDL loan in the amount of \$120,000 to which he was not entitled.