**The Challenge:**

West Coast Arborists (WCA) provides services for professional tree maintenance and management for over 200 municipalities and public agencies throughout the states of California, Arizona, and Nevada. WCA has 8 office locations and proudly employs about 800 tree workers and arborists. With over 215 public works projects, certified payroll reporting was a tedious and time-consuming task of collecting and verifying prevailing wage data. WCA was entering all payroll data on paper on a request-only basis for 20 cities. These requests would take an entire week to complete with each averaging a full day of work. Reporting requirements were becoming stricter with the passage of laws such as SB 854 in California, and the need to streamline the process became urgent. The burden of certified payroll reports was only going to continue to increase.

**The Solution:**

WCA decided it was time to make a change and move to an automated system for the creation of certified payroll reports. After some research, LCPtracker's LCPcertified online solution was the clear choice. The cloud-based software meant that there was no extensive implementation needed and they could start creating certified reports immediately. "Everyone was very excited for the change," remarked Janet Cass, payroll coordinator for WCA. Utilizing the payroll integration feature has helped WCA eliminate the paper process as well as save ample time by uploading existing payroll data without re-entry. Casas shared one story that would have been a nightmare prior their use of LCPcertified. “The other day we received a request for certified payroll reports going back five years. Since we didn’t have Paychex all the way back 5 years, I was able to use LCPcertified from 2015 and on. What should have taken at least three weeks was completed in half a day.” Not only was she able to complete the request in record time, but she also did so with peace of mind. "I knew everything was correct because the notices bring to my attention little details I might not have caught."

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Benefits

With LCPcertified, West Coast Arborists is completing payrolls with ample time to spare as well as increased accuracy. WCA has already input over 200 of their current public works projects and have no intention of slowing down. "The implementation process was a breeze," explained Janet. "It was easy to understand and a rep called, walked me through it and that was it." Another benefit is the responsive customer service and support provided by LCPtracker. "Any questions I have get answered right away," described Casas. The features that are used through the system include Paychex integration and notices, certifications, and reports. Having this system implemented has not only saved time and money for WCA but also brings comfort to the Payroll department as every report is accurate. If there are any errors, notices are provided to the payroll coordinator. When asked what the number one benefit of LCPcertified has been, Casas did not hesitate before exclaiming, "Less stress!"

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Payroll Coordinator

Key Features and Benefits

- **Time Savings**: Upload data using payroll interfaces
- **Accuracy of Your Data**: Validations check for math, logic and data completeness through automated notifications
- **Financial Benefits**: Reduces the risk of potential fraud and fines
- **Online Access**: Available on phones, tablets and any web browser
- **Pre-loaded Employee Names**: Employee data rolls over week to week
- **Paper Free**: Go green with online data storage

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