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*When you're a huge municipi-
pal organization with hun-
dreds of employees who keep
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track of everyone?*

Use a HandReader!



Industry: Government

Number of Employees: 1,500

Locations: 10

Challenge: Expensive, labor intensive payroll process.

Solution: HandReaders® from Recognition Systems.

Results: Reduced costs, increased convenience.

The New York City Law Department employs over a thousand people, including hundreds of attorneys who are in and out of the office constantly—going to court, taking depositions, and often showing up at work late at night or on the weekend to do research. “We used to have people use swipe cards to gain entrance to their offices and then have them sign in,” says Malachy Higgins, Director of Administration at the Law Department. “But that arrangement was a pain and expensive, because cards regularly got lost or damaged. The HandReader provides a much more reliable system.”

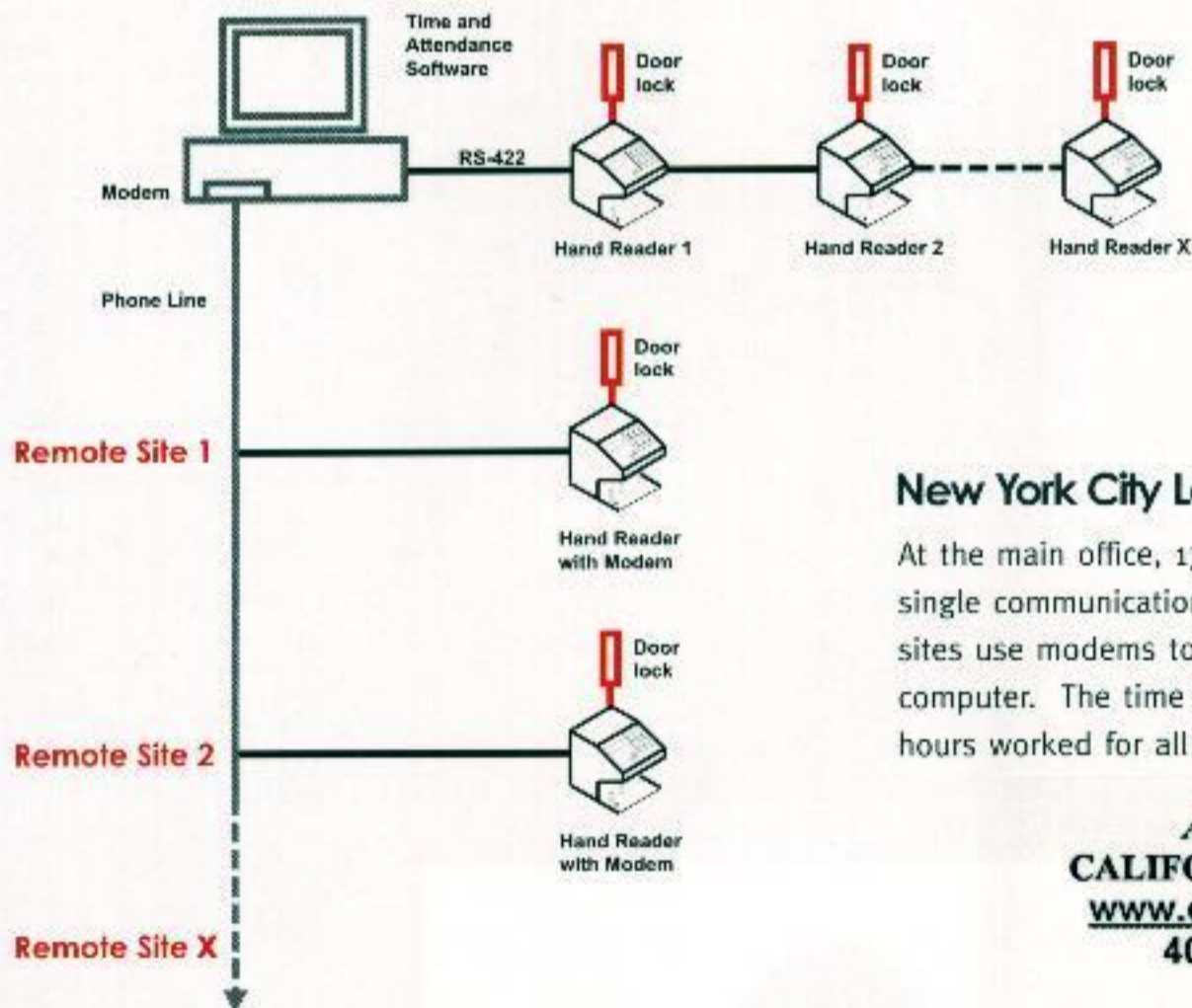


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The New York City Law Department uses HandReaders for building access and to track employee time and attendance in ten different buildings around the city. "The products are very solid," says the Director of Administration at the Law Department, Malachy Higgins. "With our old system of 'sign-in books,' it was difficult to verify who was working and when. Now the HandReaders do the work for us." The Law Department, long seen as one of the most progressive agencies in New York City government, introduced the HandReaders in the early 1990s because of their ease of use and accuracy. "We saw a study by Sandia National Laboratories, showing that the HandReader was the least intrusive

and most progressive technology available and that decided it for us," says Higgins. "Initially, we got the HandReaders to monitor time and attendance; then we realized we could also use them to control building access. The HandReaders are wonderful. They have made our facilities much more secure. Access cards can be passed around, but with this system, only an authorized person can enter a facility." The HandReader uses a field-proven biometric technology to verify employees' identities in less than one second, based on the unique size and shape of their hand. The Law Department's centralized system links together some 30 HandReaders at ten locations.



New York City Law Department

At the main office, 17 HandReaders are connected to a single communications port. HandReaders at 9 remote sites use modems to send transactions to the central computer. The time and attendance software calculates hours worked for all hourly employees at all 10 locations.

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