



## Case Study

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# Drywall Interiors – Controlling Job Costs and Managing Growth



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**Industry:**  
Commercial Construction –  
Installation of Drywall and  
Acoustical Ceilings

**Challenges:**  
Create time tracking efficiencies for foremen in the field and payroll personnel, focusing on a reduction of paperwork, accuracy of cost codes, and scalability to accommodate the company's growth.

**Solution:**  
Drywall Interiors chose Austin Lane's Time Tracking, a scalable system that streamlines time tracking processes in the field and is capable of handling the restructuring of detailed job cost codes.

**Results:**  
Drywall Interiors increased efficiency and data accuracy with a system that manages its overhauled structure of job cost codes.

Drywall Interiors has been installing drywall and acoustical ceilings for more than 30 years, and the successful company continues to grow due to its reputation in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. The company credits part of its success to the early detection of cost overruns that can push jobs over budget. When Drywall Interiors decided to overhaul its job cost structure to improve its understanding of labor costs in the field, the company found itself in a jam. A paper jam.

"We inadvertently created more time consuming paperwork for our payroll department and the foremen in the field than could be handled in the allotted time frame," explained Jerri Taylor, Office Manager at Drywall Interiors. "We wanted to implement a time tracking device to relieve the foremen and payroll department of time consuming paperwork that would also handle all the necessary codes for the restructuring of job costs."

### ELIMINATING PAPERWORK

To manage the comprehensive cost code structure and minimize project related paperwork, Drywall Interiors turned to a Time Tracking solution from Austin Lane Technologies. ALMobile Time Tracking, provides a cost effective, intuitive approach to tracking and costing labor across an organization. With its restructured job cost and ALMobile Time Tracking hard at work in the field, Drywall Interiors now is able to recognize troubled jobs at an earlier stage.

"We have detailed and up-to-date cost information relating to the labor on each job, and this improvement isn't the result of more paperwork," said Taylor. "In the future we will be able to drill down further into labor cost and evaluate areas that need improvement."

And that's important when trying to manage growth in a business with an average of 350 employees. Today Drywall Interiors has 37 mobile devices running our Time Tracking in the field. Foremen at each job site adjust cost codes as employee tasks change, capturing labor costs with greater accuracy and flexibility. Each night, with ALMobile Time Tracking, Drywall Interiors foremen synchronize wirelessly with the corporate office, which reduces faxing or traveling to the office.