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# Meatball Manufacturer Buona Vita Keeps Hygiene Top Priority with Lathem's FacelN™ Face Recognition Time & Attendance and Access Control System

## Overview

Buona Vita, Inc. makes more than 10 million meatballs a day as an Italian food manufacturer in Bridgeton, New Jersey, with 100 employees. Not only are they the major meatball supplier for SUBWAY®, they also are national distributors of assorted Italian meats.

## Business Challenge

In the food service industry, food sanitation and hygiene is a big issue. Cross-contamination - spreading germs from people to food products - poses a big problem because it has the potential to make people sick. Not only is it a health issue, but it can cost a company hundreds of millions of dollars in product recalls and lawsuits.

Buona Vita wanted to eliminate cross-contamination while keeping track of three shifts of employees that work around the clock. But their former systems, including a badge swipe time clock and a fingerprint reader, were unreliable and didn't prevent the spread of germs.

"Because we're a USDA (US Department of Food and Agriculture) plant that produces ready-to-eat foods, we were looking for a time and attendance system that would prevent the risk of cross-contamination," said Blake Christy, general manager, Buona Vita, Inc. "The FacelN™ touchless device is a fantastic way around this problem."

## Business Solution

Lathem's FacelN face recognition device that uses a two-camera system to recognize employees' facial features, the newest in biometrics technology for labor management. FacelN™ provides a fast, reliable and foolproof way for businesses to track employee time and attendance and manage access control.

A touchless, hygienic alternative to fingerprint readers, FacelN™ allows employees to simply look into the terminal and within seconds they are identified, clocked in/out or admitted into secure locations.

This new, high-tech method eliminates "buddy punching," when employees clock in and out for each other, and the need for time cards and badges. The system includes powerful desktop software for editing, running reports and exporting to popular payroll software including QuickBooks.

## Results

FacelN™ is a stand-alone system that is fast, accurate and entirely hands-free.

## Lathem's FacelN™ system offers several advantages over fingerprint readers and other clock systems:

- Registered employee just shows his/her face to be verified, eliminating need for badges, keys or pin numbers.
- Faster and more reliable than fingerprint readers: matches employee faces in seconds
- Uses dual camera 3D facial measurements, which eliminates the chance of fraud using 2D images.
- Eliminates buddy punching
- Hands-free access allows employees to simply look and go without spreading germs via touch.
- Operates as a stand-alone unit with no need for a computer.
- Allows for up to 500 users.

"I'm extremely happy we made the switch to this system because it's very easy to install and use," Christy said. "Additionally, it eliminated our issues with buddy punching and provided a smooth data transition."

## SUCCESS STORY

Buona Vita, Inc.

### SOLUTION Lathem FacelN™ FR700



## About Lathem

Headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, Lathem is one of the world's leading designers and manufacturers of time, labor and security products for business. The company specializes in three primary lines of business: time and attendance products, synchronized clock systems, and small business access control solutions. Founded in 1919, Lathem remains a family-owned and operated US manufacturer. More than 300,000 companies worldwide use a Lathem product every day to help manage their business. More information can be found online at [www.lathem.com](http://www.lathem.com).

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