

## NEW WINDOWS 7 VERSION FOR PRELIEN2LIEN. NEW LIEN LAWS FOR CALIFORNIA IN 2011.

MICROSOFT officially released all versions of the new Windows 7 operating system on October 22, 2009.

For the record, Windows Vista was released on January 30, 2007. Windows XP was released October 25, 2001. There are currently no credible projections for a Windows 8 release date.

Our early experiences with Windows 7 fall

into two common areas. First, it is not very different than Windows Vista. If you have used a Vista PC, you will like Windows 7 better - it is faster and more stable. If you are a long time

Windows XP user, you will find Windows 7 a bit awkward to work with at first.

Secondly, software and drivers all seem to work after initial installation on Windows 7. Software companies like TRADITION SOFTWARE have now had almost three (3) years to adapt our software products to the new technical operating system rules that Windows Vista and Windows 7 demand.

### New CALIFORNIA Waiver and Release forms.

PreLien2Lien's CALIFORNIA Waiver and Release forms were changed in May 2009 to reflect the universally accepted standard language found on the Contractors State License Board website ([www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov)). The main change to the legal text involves the ability to add custom language to the Waivers and Releases. This was eliminated

so that the four notices (Conditional Final/Progress, Unconditional Final/Progress) follow exactly what is spelled out in the CALIFORNIA Civil Code §3262(d)(1-4).

Users can get any of the discontinued versions of the notices for a one-time \$50 fee.

### New CALIFORNIA lien laws don't start until January 2011.

Confusion has been rampant since the CALIFORNIA legislature passed revisions to the lien laws that were signed into state law by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in August 2009. These changes DO NOT TAKE EFFECT until January 1, 2011.

To help property owners know right away that a lien on their property has been recorded, a new NOTICE OF MECHANIC'S LIEN will be required. It will require bold 10pt. text with a heading titled:

#### NOTICE OF MECHANIC'S LIEN ATTENTION!

Additionally, to insure delivery of a recorded lien to a property owner, a new notice called a PROOF OF SERVICE AFFIDAVIT will need to be recorded along with the Mechanic's Lien. It will be a one-page notice that affirms the date, address, and name of the property owner that the Mechanic's Lien and Notice Of Mechanic's Lien were delivered to.

### Print reports to Excel files.

Users have requested to have the ability to export reports from the REPORTS drop down menu into Excel. This feature is now available - simply press the Export Data To Excel button when you go to print a report.

TRADITION NOTICE SERVICES TO LAUNCH - JANUARY 4, 2010  
TRADITION SOFTWARE is launching TRADITION NOTICE SERVICES ([www.TraditionNoticeServices.com](http://www.TraditionNoticeServices.com)) as part of an effort to better serve current and potential customers who would like an alternative for the lien recording process in the state(s) they do business in.

"Many of our PreLien2Lien customers use the software to do 1st notices or payment Waivers and Releases, but don't want to go to a county Recorder or Clerk's office to record a lien. Each month we get hundreds of sales leads from companies for our software. The most common reason people don't purchase PreLien2Lien is not because they can't use the software or afford to purchase it. It is because they don't want to record a lien themselves. This is where TRADITION NOTICE SERVICES can help companies," says Craig Altman, President of TRADITION SOFTWARE.

PreLien2Lien is used already by 20 leading lien services across the U.S.. While TRADITION NOTICE SERVICES will be competing against these lien services for new accounts, "there is plenty of business for everyone without our company jeopardizing our great business relationships with our lien service customers that rely every day on PreLien2Lien," says Craig Altman.

TRADITION SOFTWARE's national marketing expertise will be directed towards promoting TRADITION NOTICE SERVICES online starting January 1st. An aggressive \$150 price per recorded lien will be offered to all customers who sign a contract for services in 2010. A unique, partial money back payment of \$50 will be offered to a customer who is not successfully paid within each state's statutory time period for a lien to remain recorded.

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### HOW TO: Five new features in PreLien2Lien that help make you more productive

Every day that TRADITION SOFTWARE employees come to work, our focus is to improve PreLien2Lien for the benefit of its users. Using software to help you navigate a state's lien law process can appear to be intimidating, especially for the new software user, or the person who has not dealt previously with construction lien law. The features below will help you use PreLien2Lien more effectively. You will feel more confident that you are using the software correctly to print the right notices, within the proper legal timeframe, to benefit your business and get your company paid faster.

1. **Faster startup** - PreLien2Lien's 99.9% uptime at 700+ U.S. customer sites is the direct result of its cutting edge technology and experienced Research and Development team. A new data integrity and reindexing check at startup results in a startup time that is longer than many programs (15-45 seconds). To shorten this, go to **SETUP>DEFAULTS>INPUT DEFAULTS>OTHER DEFAULTS** and uncheck "Reindex Data At Startup." NOTE - turning off this setting is not advisable if your company does not back up its data on a daily basis.
2. **Eliminate automatic insertion of commas on two line legal parties** - If you have a very long two line legal party name, you may want to turn off the automatic insertion of a comma between the First Line and Second Line text. Go to **SETUP>DEFAULTS>NOTICE DEFAULTS** and uncheck "Add Comma After First Line Of Two-Line Legal Party Names."
3. **Documents Printed report** - This new report enables a user to see a list by project of every notice printed from a defined time period. Go to **REPORTS>DOCUMENTS PRINTED** to print this report.
4. **Automatic backup of data** - This feature allows you to automatically have your PreLien2Lien data backed up when you close the program. Go to **SETUP>DEFAULTS>INPUT DEFAULTS>OTHER DEFAULTS** and check "Backup Data On Exit." To save every single backup to a new file, also check "Save All Daily Backups."
5. **Mass print multiple 1st notices** - The first action step is to clear all "Marked Jobs" by going to the **TOOLS>CLEAR ALL RECORD MARKS IN THE CURRENT JOBS FILE**. Then, click the **MARKED** checkbox on the **PROJECT** screen for each job you want to print. Finally, go to **MASS PRINT>PRINT 1st NOTICES FOR MARKED RECORDS**. You do not have to do the step of clearing all record marks if you are certain that only those jobs you want to mass print are marked.

Since you lease PreLien2Lien on an annual basis, help using the software is just a phone call away. Technical Support and training is available to you at no additional charge by calling us Monday - Friday, 8AM - 5PM PST at (800) 886.8770.

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