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  - **Operational Impact**
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  - **People Impact**
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**Illustrative Impact**

Organizations with large, low paid exempt populations are likely to have significant financial impacts. A summary of our findings with one client:

- An organization with 25,000 employees of which 5,000 are currently exempt
- Of the current exempt population, 10% (500 employees) were impacted
- $4.6m in potential new payroll costs if all converted to non-exempt. Assumes:
  - Overtime of 5 hours worked per week and one holiday worked per year
  - Utilizing advanced analytics in our LaborWise™ tool we were able to identify strategies that could provide up to 37% in savings

*Note that there will be a varying degree of impact based on the demographics and pay scales of the organization*

**Deloitte’s Approach**

Deloitte can help organizations prepare in a variety of ways:

1. **Quick Assessment (1-2 weeks):**
   - Analyze current processes to identify costs, options and recommendations to enable compliance throughout the organization leveraging LaborWise™

2. **Implementation Support (1-3 months):**
   - Build out an employer’s long-term strategy, conduct a full financial strategy assessment, create communications plans and training, and implement system changes using LaborWise™

3. **Ongoing Strategy (1 year plus):**
   - Use Deloitte’s LaborWise™ tool on an ongoing basis to understand employee pay analytics and the financial impact of employee classification

**About LaborWise™**

LaborWise™ is an advanced analytics solution that identifies and quantifies hidden labor overspend. Data analysis will enable companies to formulate strategies for:

- **Compliance**
- **HR and WFM Technology**
- **Operating Processes**
- **Change & Training Management**
- **Talent**
- **Training**
About Our Human Capital Practice

Deloitte’s Human Capital practice specializes in providing broad-based business consulting services designed to help organizations in their efforts to integrate people issues resolution with their business strategy. Human Capital services are designed to help organizations in their efforts to enhance their performance, productivity, and profitability through their workforce. Human Capital goes to market by sectors, relying on deep industry experience, knowledge and skills, and providing innovative and comprehensive services and solutions designed to help clients in their efforts to address their most complex issues.

Marketplace Eminence

- A network of more than 3,800 Human Capital practitioners in the US practice (includes Commercial, Federal & US India) with Human Capital practitioners across 55 countries
- Deloitte named a global leader in Talent Management Consulting (Kennedy 2015)
- Deloitte a vanguard leader in Operating Model Strategy & Organization Design Consulting (Kennedy 2014)
- Deloitte earned a ranking as a vanguard leader in Human Resources Consulting in the Public Sector, (Kennedy 2014)
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Industry Overview

Human Capital uses a two-pronged approach to understand our clients’ needs across six industry sectors by pairing Industry experience with Human Capital Service Line offerings

Thought Leadership

- 2015 Global Payroll Operations Survey: Summary of Results
- Empower your talent: Building a high-performance organization
- 2014 Survey of Incentive Pay Practices for Public Companies
- Total Rewards: Compensation Strategy and Design – Who gets what and why?
- How to Develop Strong Performance Measures for Government
- Human Capital Trends 2016
- Job Architecture: Laying the Building Blocks of Effective Human Capital Management
- Premium Pay Practices for Healthcare Providers

Broad Footprint – End-to-End Solutions

Our Human Capital practice crosses numerous disciplines, and we serve our clients in all aspects of their business.

- HR Service Delivery
- SAP/SuccessFactors
- Workday HR
- Oracle (Fusion, PeopleSoft EBS, Taleo)
- Workforce Optimization

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