

BY THE NUMBERS

211 companies, representing 509 locations are currently accredited, with more than 13,500 employees.

Since 2004, there have only been three formal client complaints against a TCIA Accredited company.

TCIA Accredited companies suffer fewer losses compared to the rest of the industry; with a .86 workers' compensation modification rate compared to the industry average of 1.0. This translates to a 14% savings on insurance premiums compared to the average company.

The median insurance coverage purchased per company is GL: 1M; Commercial Auto: 1M; Umbrella: 5M; Workers' Compensation: 1M.

This highlights higher insurance coverage limits for TCIA Accredited companies when compared to those mandated by law or recommended minimum coverage.

Learn more about TCIA Accreditation, and how you can incorporate this criteria into securing successful bids for your city's tree work.

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TAKING THE GUESSWORK OUT OF TREE CARE BIDS



ACCREDITATION
from the
Tree Care Industry
Association

ETHICS CONFIDENCE QUALITY

"ACCREDITATION IS THE MARK OF BEING A PROFESSIONAL COMPANY IN THE TREE INDUSTRY! ACCREDITATION RAISES YOUR COMPANY STANDARDS IN BUSINESS AND SAFETY AND HELPS TAKE YOUR BUSINESS TO THE NEXT LEVEL."

*Chris Ahlum, President
Ahlum & Arbor Tree Preservation
Columbus, OH
Accredited since 2016*

WHO IS TCIA?

Established in 1938, the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA) is a trade association of more than 2,400 commercial tree care firms and affiliated companies.

WHAT IS TCIA ACCREDITATION?

TCIA Accreditation is a third-party verification process similar in structure to other industry credentialing processes for companies, such as the ISO 9000 series of certifications. TCIA Accreditation reviews tree care industry-specific standards, client satisfaction and regulatory compliance, including safety training and compliance requirements.

MEANING?

Clients can feel confident about the ethics and quality of contractors accredited by the Tree Care Industry Association. Accredited tree care companies must adhere to the highest measure of professionalism based on:

- Industry standards for quality and safety
- Maintenance of well-trained, professional staff
- Dedication to ethics and quality in business practices

CONCERNS:

Municipalities need to avoid unforeseen costs, disreputable companies and poor work, as well as the headaches of contracting problems that can be associated with improper tree work.

SOLUTION:

Hire professional and qualified tree care contractors by requiring TCIA Accreditation in your bids.

Organizations that cite TCIA Accreditation prominently in bid specs or recommendations:

Central Park Conservancy, NYC, NY	National Park Service
City of Chicago, IL	National School District of National City, CA
City of Coon Rapids, MN	NYC City Parks Dept, NY
City of Fort Worth, TX	Society of Municipal Arborists (SMA)
City of Plymouth, MN	U.S. Department of Defense (USDOD)
City of Naperville, IL	Village of Burr Ridge, IL
City of Warren, MI	Village of Mount Prospect, IL
Fairfax County, Va. - Department of Housing & Community Development - Waste Water Collection Division	Village of Oak Lawn, IL

**More municipalities are added daily.
Check tcia.org for the latest list.**

HOW IT WORKS

VERIFICATION, COMPLIANCE, AND ENFORCEMENT

VERIFICATION Before becoming accredited by the Tree Care Industry Association, a company must meet all items on the Accreditation standard checklist. The tree care company will also be reviewed by an independent auditor during a site visit that includes monitoring crew operations and verification of the checklist.

FACT: Only 24% of companies are accredited immediately after the initial visit; the remainder must take additional steps to ensure verification.

COMPLIANCE TCIA verifies that an accredited company has maintained Commercial Business Liability and Workers' Compensation insurance.

FACT: TCIA is listed as an insurance-certificate holder with the accredited company, so TCIA keeps a current insurance certificate issued by an insurance agent on file.

Every year, TCIA reviews a number of Accreditation checklist items to ensure company compliance. Examples include maintaining ISA Certified Arborists and Certified Treecare Safety Professionals (CTSP) on staff.

Every three years, facilities must be reaccredited. The process is identical to initial enrollment in Accreditation including a site visit.

ENFORCEMENT At any point, Accreditation may be withdrawn by TCIA for failure to maintain each checklist item. There is also a formal complaint procedure available for clients and peers to file complaints with TCIA against accredited companies.

