TRANSCEND SERVICES INC Form SC TO-C March 07, 2012

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE TO

(Rule 14d-100)

TENDER OFFER STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 14(d)(1) OR 13(e)(1)

OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

TRANSCEND SERVICES, INC.

 $(Name\ of\ subject\ company\ (Issuer))$

TOWNSEND MERGER CORPORATION

a wholly owned subsidiary of

NUANCE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

(Name of Filing Persons (Offerors))

Common Stock, par value \$0.05 per share

893929208

(Title of classes of securities)

(CUSIP number of common stock)

Todd DuChene

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(Name, address, and telephone number of person authorized to receive notices and communications on behalf of Filing Persons)

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Transaction Valuation

Amount of Filing Fee*
Not Applicable.

Not applicable.

A filing fee is not required in connection with this filing as it relates solely to preliminary communications made before the commencement of a tender offer.

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 - x third party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1
 - issuer tender offer subject to Rule 13e-4
 - " going private transaction subject to Rule 13e-3
 - amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2

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IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

This Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO (this Statement) relates to a planned tender offer by Townsend Merger Corporation (Purchaser), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Nuance Communications, Inc. (Nuance), for all shares of outstanding common stock of Transcend Services, Inc. (Transcend), to be commenced pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of March 6, 2012, by and among Nuance, Purchaser and Transcend.

The tender offer referred to in this Statement has not yet commenced. This Statement is neither an offer to purchase nor a solicitation of an offer to sell any shares of Transcend. The solicitation and the offer to buy shares of Transcend common stock will be made pursuant to an offer to purchase and related materials that Nuance and Purchaser intend to file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). At the time the tender offer is commenced, Nuance and Purchaser intend to file a Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO containing an offer to purchase, a form of letter of transmittal and other documents relating to the tender offer and Transcend intends to file a Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 with respect to the tender offer. Nuance and Transcend intend to mail these documents to the stockholders of Transcend. These documents will contain important information about the tender offer and stockholders of Transcend are urged to read them carefully when they become available. Investors and stockholders of Transcend will be able to obtain a free copy of these documents (when they become available) and other documents filed by Nuance and Transcend with the SEC at the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov. In addition, the tender offer statement and related materials may be obtained for free (when they become available) by directing such requests to Nuance at Attention: Investor Relations, One Wayside Road, Burlington, MA 01803. Investors and shareholders of Transcend may obtain a free copy of the solicitation/recommendation statement and other documents (when they become available) from Transcend by directing requests to Transcend, Attention: Investor Relations, One Glenlake Parkway, Suite 1325, Atlanta, GA 30328.

Item 12. Exhibits.

Exhibit

No. Description

99.1 Joint Press Release of Nuance Communications, Inc. and Transcend Services, Inc., dated March 7, 2012