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

NEXTEST SYSTEMS CORPORATION

(Name of Subject Company (Issuer))

TERADYNE, INC.

NAC EQUIPMENT CORPORATION

(Names of Filing Persons (Offerors))

Common Stock, par value \$0.001

(Title of Class of Securities)

653339101

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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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 Filing Fee

Transaction valuation*
Not applicable

Amount of filing fee*
Not applicable

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Item 12. Exhibits

Exhibit Description

99.1 Press Release issued by Teradyne, Inc. on December 12, 2007

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This Schedule TO-C is neither an offer to purchase nor a solicitation of an offer to sell shares of Nextest Systems Corporation (Nextest). NAC Equipment Corporation (the Merger Sub) has not commenced the tender offer for the shares of Nextest stock described in this communication.

Upon commencement of the tender offer, the Merger Sub will file with the SEC a tender offer statement on Schedule TO and related exhibits, including the offer to purchase, letter of transmittal, and other related documents. Following commencement of the tender offer, Nextest will file with the SEC a solicitation/recommendation statement on Schedule 14D-9. Shareholders should read the offer to purchase and solicitation/recommendation statement and the tender offer statement on Schedule TO and related exhibits when such documents are filed and become available, as they will contain important information about the tender offer.

Shareholders can obtain these documents when they are filed and become available free of charge from the SEC s website at www.sec.gov, or from Teradyne, Inc. by directing a request to Investor Relations, Teradyne, Inc., 600 Riverpark Drive, North Reading, Massachusetts 01864, or from Nextest Systems Corporation by directing a request to Investor Relations, Nextest Systems Corporation, 875 Embedded Way, San Jose, California 95138.