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Arthur, King. True to its name, Creative Solutions has been first to market with many innovations that are now presumptive industry standards. Write-Up Solution boasts more users than any other competitor, featuring a full arsenal of product options you would expect to find in the market's leader.

Write-Up Solution features general ledger, bank reconciliation, flexible financial reporting and after-the-fact payroll. User productivity and efficiency are driven by robust and mature integration options. Those surveying Write-Up Solution will receive affirmative answers to product performance inquiries, proof that Creative Solutions has listened to its user base. Don't expect many "we don't do that" answers here.

The new purchase price for a single user is \$1,800; renewals are \$610.

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Or you can pay \$48 per month for a support contract. Teletraining costs \$195; interactive CD training costs \$250. Classroom training is \$395, and on-site training is \$1,800.

LEARNING CURVE & EASE OF USE – 5 Stars

Setup and data entry are fast. Conversion is available from many leading software packages. Navigation through menus and sub-menus is straightforward and logical, written to take advantage of Windows operating system conventions that are familiar, which will boost user confidence and bolster the learning process. Automatic “smart” features abound. Data entry will satisfy all users whether they are heads-down or mouse-tab advocates.

REPORTING & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – 4 Stars

Formatting of financial statements is flexible, and financial reporting is powerful. However, this is an area of Write-Up Solution where the learning curve isn't easy.

Formatting of financial statements can be difficult. Personally, I

found that after taking the electronic

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Integrating the tools and the interface with the way I think. I am sure that that the rewards of this in-depth learning experience are many.

INTEGRATION, IMPORT/EXPORT & PRODUCTION PROCESSING – 4 Stars

Integration spoken here. Creative Solutions has an in-depth suite of companion products that allows the user to import or export information, including Payroll “Service Bureau Style” software, Trial Balance, Audit, Client Accounting modules, Tax Programs, Depreciation, Paperless Document Management, Scheduling, Practice Management and more. Flexible batch control over printing is available, from one client to all clients within the system.

SCALABILITY & PORTABILITY – 5 Stars

Write-Up Solution offers something for everyone, from the sole practitioner to the large accounting firm. Twenty-five years of progressive computing experience assures users that Creative Solutions will respond to change. Common software platforms in the Creative Solutions integrated product line allow users

to expect similar behaviors, which

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in virtual classrooms, and hands-on training in local and national forums. Creative Solutions also boasts ARNE2 (the Accountants Resource Network in its second incarnation), a free, online Bulletin Board where users discuss everything, getting help with problems and having frank discussions with fellow users. Users share what works and what doesn't work. As a result, Creative Solutions gets a virtual X-ray of its products, obtaining information no survey or focus group could ever glean.

INTERVIEWS

– WHAT USERS HAD TO SAY

Like any software user base, Write-Up Solution users differ in the exact mix of integrated products and the clients they serve. Our interviews found that Write-Up Solution licensees were happy and universally agreed that Creative Solutions was very good at listening to its user base.

2004 OVERALL RATING: 4.5

The choice of a write-up program should be based in large part on identifiable

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