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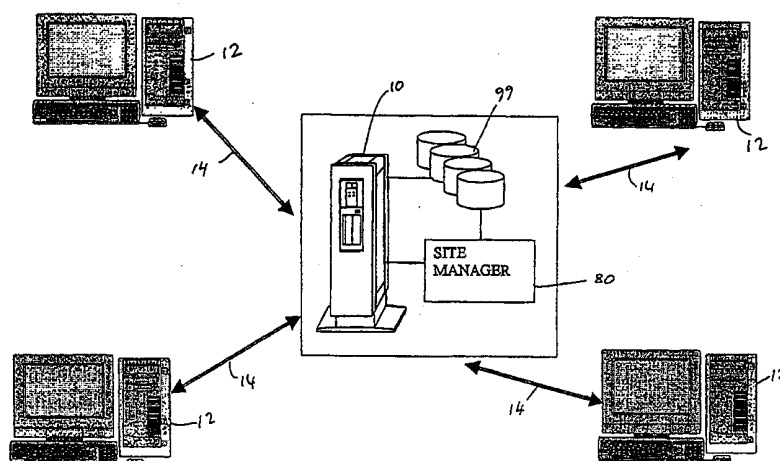
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(57) Abstract: An agent system of electronic commerce implemented over a wide area computer network includes a host computer system (10) arranged in communicative association (14) with a plurality of client terminals (12); an electronic catalog containing transaction areas listing available transactions between consumers and suppliers, stored in the system, a client terminal interface for displaying on selected ones of the client terminals by consumers and suppliers, of portions of the electronic catalog; a tender manager for entering by consumers of transaction data including the identification by the consumers of a similar set of goods or services sought to be purchased thereby, into a current consumer tenders database (99), wherein, after a first predetermined time has elapsed during which the set is accumulated, the tender manager (80) is operative to prevent addition to the set of additional goods or services by consumers, and to store the set as a tender for bidding.



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