

Viocare, Inc., a premiere supplier of nutrition-focused software-based systems, is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a 5-year contract by the US Army's Research Institute of Environmental Medicine (USARIEM). USARIEM, a research laboratory under the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command, serves as the Department of Defense's premier laboratory for warfighter health and performance research and focuses on environmental physiology, physical and cognitive performance, and nutrition. USARIEM's Military Nutrition Division (MND) conducts research that provides the biomedical science basis for developing new rations, menus, policies, and programs that enable Warfighter health-readiness and optimal performance.

Maj. Julianna Jayne, the Military Deputy for MND, said "We intend to use VioScreen to evaluate the effect of Army nutrition and dining programs on the diet quality and eating behaviors of Soldiers at multiple bases. Data from VioScreen will help us provide recommendations for how nutrition programs can best support the nutritional needs of Soldiers."

Viocare's technology products will enable the Army to conduct studies that assess the current nutritional baseline of its Soldiers and provide recommendations to support and empower the Soldiers to change their nutritional habits based on scientifically validated recommendations for improved nutrition and prevention of disease. VioScreen, Viocare's electronic food frequency questionnaire tool will enable the MND to gather a history of warfighters' nutritional intake in various environments in order to evaluate and understand nutritional intake as part of the research objective, and ultimately how to improve policies, education, rations, and food options provided to the Soldier.

Viocare's CEO, John Ducharme, said "We are honored to have been selected by such an important, forward-looking component of our country's defense network. The Institute functions as a world-class laboratory for environmental medicine, physiology, and nutrition research. We are confident that VioScreen will help provide the Army insight into how it can modify its nutrition and dining programs to better meet its Soldiers' dietary needs. America's Soldiers are athletes in every sense of the word and Viocare is proud to be able to play a role in helping develop strategies to optimize their performance through better nutrition."