



Capabilities Statement for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs



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ASPE, Inc. is a unique, high-tech training firm that focuses on providing customers with the critical skills, tools and techniques for success in today's business world. We have worked with 91 of the top Fortune 100 companies, and have more than 10 years of past performance working with government agencies to successfully translate those skills to the public sector. We regularly serve government agencies directly as well as government contractors to help them support their government customers. Through training and consulting, we quickly and economically equip teams with cutting-edge processes and products that enable complex technical challenges to transform into strategic capabilities. In a time of increasing reliance on IT to provide mission-critical government services, our courses cost-effectively provide the key skills to operate and manage systems, projects and programs.

ASPE in the Department of Veterans Affairs

ASPE developed and delivers a custom curriculum of Agile software development training to **the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Information Technology IT Academy**. Through this training we enabled VA executives to spearhead the change management effort within the VA to move the entire VA development and SDLC organizations to Agile software development methods. Driven by CIO Roger Baker, this program was initiated in September 2009, and nearly 1000 VA professionals have been trained so far. The ASPE Agile courses in the VA curriculum include:

[Agile Bootcamp](#)
[Agile Engineering](#)
[Agile Requirements](#)
[Agile Testing](#)

[Agile Project Management](#)
***[Certified Scrum Master](#) /
***[Certified Scrum Product Owner](#)
(***at VA Atlanta summer 2012)

Other courses of interest to the VA and contractors working with the VA are our [Test Driven Development](#) and [Continuous Integration Workshop for Agile](#) development teams. Our [Agile in the Government Environment](#) can further educate VA and contractor staff on both Agile methodologies and the roles Agile team members and agency product owners will be expected to play, as well as how to execute Agile within government procedural and contracting requirements.

In addition, ASPE is available to assist the VA with [Agile coaching](#), the technique of inserting an experienced Agile practitioner in Agile teams to help make sure the initial transition from Waterfall to Agile takes place effectively. ASPE is providing this service for several Federal agencies to help with the critical organizational transformation processes within and around their Agile teams.



ASPE is teaming with **ASI Government** to create a new course, ***Acquisition of Agile Development IT Services and Products***, which is expected to be available for delivery to government customers beginning in August 2012. The course will train contracting professionals and other government staff on what Agile software development is, why government customers are asking for Agile software development services, and contracting considerations and alternatives that will train contracting officers to know the range of authorized contracting methods to acquire these services.

ASPE is also talking to a number of VA offices about their needs for SharePoint training and our broad range of SharePoint training options. [ASPE](#) provides specific SharePoint classes for End Users, Power Users, Administrators, Web Developers, Project Managers, Business Intelligence and Business Process Automation, Governance and Customization. We also offer training for Microsoft Project /Server, for which we delivered an onsite course at the **Veterans Health Administration** training center in Arlington, VA in the fall of 2011.

A sampling of how ASPE has helped government and Fortune 500 clients overcome technology and process challenges

Agency or corporate need	Corresponding ASPE expertise	Who we've helped
Clarifying and defining system requirements at the beginning of the systems life cycle	Business Requirements curriculum	BLM, FBI, DFAS, Disney, Lockheed, JP Morgan Chase, U.S. Treasury, BOA, NASA, Harvard
Project scope, cost and schedule control while assuring accountability and excellent credentials (ie PMP® or PgMP®)	Project management curriculum	US Air Force, DISA, Apple, Costco, ITT, FAA, Department of Justice
Shortening long development cycles with iterative delivery of highly functional software	Agile Methods curriculum	Raytheon, Walmart, FedEx, U.S. Navy, GSA, USDA, VA
Increasing quality assurance without adding cost or time to a system's development effort	Software Testing curriculum	DFAS, T-Mobile, Boeing, Wells-Fargo, AT&T
Using Microsoft SharePoint to enable efficient collaboration across broad organizational efforts	SharePoint curriculum	CDC, Social Security Administration, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Microsoft
Securing and protecting systems, software, networks and data	Security curriculum	DISA, Cisco, Eclipsis
Harnessing cloud computing with virtualization technologies	Virtualization curriculum	Cisco, Homeland Security Emergency Management

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