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Agile Project Management: The Crash Course

Date/time: Monday, August 23; 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Location: Sydney Conference Room, Bldg. 12, Cisco System (RTP Campus)
7200 Kit Creek Road, Morrisville, NC 27560

Seminar Description

Agile is taking the software development world by storm. Forrester says 56% of IT shops are now using Agile methodologies, and Gartner estimates that number at 80% by 2012. What does that mean for project managers? Could you lead an Agile project? Do you know how to use Agile techniques? Do you understand Agile roles? Can you incorporate Agile into your current processes or even lead an Agile transformation for your organization?

Agile Project Management: The Crash Course will answer these and many more of your Agile questions by packing into a single day three days of practical Agile insights and best practices.

As Greg Balestrero, PMI President and CEO, mentioned in the PMI's Blog "On the Threshold of Agility" – "I recently attended the Scrum Alliance Gathering...to dispel the myths that surround the PMBOK® Guide and Agile practice. There is a widely held opinion that the PMBOK® Guide and Agile don't mix...It surprised me that such an opinion was held since the PMBOK® Guide - 4th Edition recognizes Agile in several areas...There is no question that Agile PM is a leading and emergent practice...critical to understand." (<http://bit.ly/HLFcZ>).

Seminar Outline

1. Introducing Agile

- The Agile Manifesto
- Agile Methodologies
- The Agile Team

2. Initiating an Agile Project

- Product & Release Planning
- Product Backlog & User Stories
- Story Points & Planning Poker

3. Planning an Agile Sprint

- Sprint Planning
- Sprint Backlog
- Task Planning

4. Executing & Controlling an Agile Sprint

- Scrum Meetings
- The Task Board
- The Burn-Down Chart

5. Closing an Agile Sprint

- Product Review
- Sprint Velocity
- Sprint Retrospective

6. Crossing the Chasm to Agile

- Project Manager or ScrumMaster?
- Agile and the PMO
- Scaling Agile

Instructor

Jose Solera, MBA, PMP, CSM is a senior project and program management executive with more than 25 years of experience spearheading the development and implementation of successful systems and processes in high technology organizations. Mr. Solera directed and managed Intel's Year 2000 corporate program as well as Intel's post-9/11 response initiative. Prior to the Y2K program, Mr. Solera led Intel's first Agile-like software development program in support of the Intel Inside® Program. Most recently, Symantec Corporation recruited Mr. Solera to lead the development and rollout of its IT supporting capabilities for Symantec's SPN initiative (<http://www.spn.com>), a Software as a Service (SaaS) initiative to provide backup and recovery, among other services, to small and mid-size businesses.

Mr. Solera has formed Solera Associates LLC (<http://www.pmlead.com>) to teach and consult on project acceleration and leadership. He also teaches on these two areas both at Cornell University's Johnson Graduate School of Management and the PMI Silicon Valley Chapter.

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