

Subject: Agile Methods Program Update

Jack Welch, retired General Electric CEO, once stated in an annual report:

“Our behavior is driven by a fundamental core belief: The desire, and the ability of an organization to continuously learn....and rapidly convert this learning into action...is its ultimate competitive advantage.”

Information Technology is placing a greater emphasis on the use of agile/lean methods to help us achieve our performance goals. To assist us, TVA has partnered with [Net Objectives](#) to deliver program support, coaching, and training. They are well respected in the industry and will help us build a sustainable program.

Next week, the building of class rosters and schedules will be underway with the objective to deliver initial training to the majority of IT in FY14 with ongoing training available in the future. The type of available training will vary by role, be primarily team-oriented and will include opportunities for our business partners to participate. I expect training to begin in early July.

How can you get involved and learn more?

- Read the Agile Methods Program’s [vision and objectives](#).
- Join the [Agile Explorers](#) group on Yammer, visit often, ask questions, and participate in the ongoing conversations.
- Check out books from the Agile Explorers library on SP3S.
 - For KNX folks, I’ll be posting a virtual library online so they can be checked out remotely.
 - Have a recommendation for additional books? Just let me know.
- Can’t wait until the training? Jump ahead and read about the [Scaled Agile Framework](#) (each icon is clickable for more details).

It is important for us not to look at this training as a single event. A continuously improving organization is one that continuously learns and applies that knowledge. This is a responsibility for each of us to be mindful of—leverage every learning opportunity and direct your expertise and skills to help your group, IT, and TVA. It is only from our combined efforts that we can be successful.

Thank you for your support,

Tony R. Harper