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**ARIEL PARTNERS AWARDED PRIME CONTRACT TO PROVIDE JIRA TRAINING FOR AIR FORCE LIFE CYCLE MANAGEMENT CENTER BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE SYSTEMS (AFLCMC BES)**

June 11, 2020 -- Ariel Partners, an IT consulting firm offering software Development, Consulting, Coaching and Training, today announced the win of a Federal prime award with the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center (AFLCMC) Business and Enterprise Systems (BES) Directorate to provide Jira Training. The duration of the contract is two years, with the training to be conducted at the Maxwell AFB-Gunter Annex, AL, Wright Patterson AFB, OH, and Randolph AFB, TX.

“As an Atlassian Silver Partner, we are delighted to offer our expertise in Jira Training to the Air Force through this new contract” said Craig Strong, CTO of Ariel Partners. “BES has launched an impressive and ambitious effort to transform their organization by adopting Agile and DevOps practices, and we are honored to help them drive these efforts forward. This new business with the Air Force is the latest in a series of high-profile Federal contracts for Ariel, furthering our mission to help the government realize the goal of ‘better, faster, cheaper’.”

Ariel is expected to train approximately 1000+ Air Force personnel in Jira Fundamentals and Advanced Jira features over the two-year period of performance. Ariel’s training will reinforce Agile principles and demonstrate best practices for Jira, as well as pointing out common pitfalls to avoid. The training courses will guide students through a number of different scenarios covering the diverse needs of a large organization like BES, including Scrum, Kanban, scaled and hybrid approaches.

Ariel’s expertise in facilitating Jira and Agile trainings is a good fit for BES’s requirements. Mr. Strong said: “Ariel’s deep experience coaching and training Agile methods, designing agile governance leveraging Kanban and SAFe, positions us as an ideal training partner for the Air Force. We know what good and bad Agile looks like. Beyond just recording daily work, Ariel’s training demonstrates how to use Jira to understand progress, proactively detect risks, and see the big picture.”

For more information please visit [www.arielpartners.com](http://www.arielpartners.com).

**About Ariel Partners**

Ariel Partners is a woman-owned small business located in NYC, providing cloud-native development, Agile and HCD training, Agile governance, and legacy migration via DevSecOps. Ariel provides services to commercial organizations, NYC mayoral agencies, and Federal agencies. Ariel’s customers include HBO,



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Fannie Mae, NYC Dept of Social Services, the FBI, the Social Security Administration, and the EPA. Ariel Partners is appraised at maturity level 3 by CMMI for Development and Services, is an Atlassian Silver Partner, and is a certified ICAgile and Kanban University training facility. Ariel Partners was founded in 2000 by technology experts who continue to be deeply involved in the local NYC IT Community as well as open-source projects, user groups, and worldwide technology conferences.

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