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ARIEL PARTNERS JOINS THE SCALED AGILE PARTNERS NETWORK AS A BRONZE PARTNER

June 12, 2020 -- Ariel Partners, an IT consulting firm offering software Development, Consulting, Coaching and Training, today announced that it has joined the Scaled Agile Partner Network as a Bronze Transformation Partner. This worldwide network includes transformation and platform providers who help enterprises facilitate and accelerate business results through adoption of the Scaled Agile Framework (SAFe®).

"As a Scaled Agile Bronze Partner, we are delighted to offer our expertise in SAFe Coaching and Training to our customers" said Craeg Strong, CTO of Ariel Partners. "There is a reason that SAFe is enjoying significant adoption in larger organizations, and that is because it addresses enterprise concerns such as strategic planning, portfolio management, and budgeting. The breadth and depth of its scope seeks to connect strategy to execution. This is a strength and a differentiator as compared to most other Agile scaling frameworks that concern themselves only with software development. SAFe correctly recognizes that larger enterprises require elements of many practices, including Human Centered Design, Kanban, Scrum, DevOps, Lean and systems thinking."

Ariel is offering a full suite of SAFe-related training classes and will soon expand its repertoire to include advanced classes including Lean Portfolio Management and Release Train Engineer. Ariel will also provide targeted coaching and consulting for organizations seeking to facilitate a large-scale Lean/Agile transformation by using the SAFe framework. Mr. Strong said: "Although some people consider the SAFe framework prescriptive, there is in fact a lot of flexibility both in how SAFe is practiced and how it is initially rolled out. Ariel has identified a specific set of Agile practices that greatly reduce pain and friction associated with initial adoption of SAFe, and which continue to improve outcomes while using SAFe. We are excited to share these with our customers to help them accelerate their growth and evolution."

For more information please visit 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, Fannie Mae, NYC Dept of Social Services, the FBI, the Social Security Administration, and the EPA. Ariel



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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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