Agile Advantage Adds Data Imports From Leading ALM Tools Rally and VersionOne

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Redmond, WA (PRWEB) August 09, 2011 - Agile Advantage™ today announced the availability of automated data imports from the industry’s leading Agile Lifecycle Management (ALM) tools, Rally® and VersionOne®. The new import capability saves time and enables better strategic decisions, better software, and better business results.

Large-scale software projects inherently carry huge risk for software development organizations. One major challenge is obtaining timely data on team performance so that issues can be identified and addressed early. In an Agile environment, iteration task lists are too detailed to derive actionable strategic decisions. The outcomes from each iteration provide valuable information and early warning indicators but may be time-consuming to enter and prepare for decision-makers. Now AgileEVM, the Agile decision support application from Agile Advantage, automatically imports release data and iteration outcomes from the two most popular ALM tools.

AgileEVM is a decision-support application designed for managing Agile software portfolios. It bridges the gap between Agile methods and traditional business planning, project, and portfolio management processes. AgileEVM helps companies examine quality, cost, schedule, and scope metrics. With this information, companies can identify and mitigate risks, and focus on value delivery.

“Integration with AgileEVM adds an important dimension to Rally’s Agile ALM platform,” stated Keith Boswell, Director of Business Development at Rally. “Technical leaders and business stakeholders can easily see project and portfolio-level views that highlight areas of schedule and budget risk, as well as opportunities for early release – all based on current data delivered from Rally.”

AgileEVM first imports release information from Rally or VersionOne. Customers can group multiple releases in AgileEVM so that iteration data can be aggregated for management review. At the close of each iteration, AgileEVM imports iteration outcomes. AgileEVM then forecasts release dates, computes EVM cost and schedule metrics, and highlights opportunities for early release and process improvement. AgileEVM also provides rollups by project, product, and portfolio, providing better visibility for strategic planning, and leading to improved business results.

Interested parties can try AgileEVM at http://www.agileadvantage.com.

About Agile Advantage

Agile Advantage, Inc. leads the way in helping companies effectively scale Agile software development initiatives. Agile Advantage, Inc. offers software products and consulting services that bridge the gap between Agile software development methods and more traditional business

planning processes, delivering increased visibility, reduced risk, and improved business results. For more information, visit http://www.agileadvantage.com.

About VersionOne

VersionOne is recognized by agile practitioners as the leader in agile project management tools. By simplifying the planning and tracking of agile projects, we help teams deliver better software faster. Since 2002, companies such as Adobe, Boeing, bwin, Lilly, Lockheed Martin, Oppenheimer, Qualcomm, Sabre and Siemens have turned to VersionOne. Today more than 30,000 teams from over 170 countries use VersionOne. Agile Made Easier @ VersionOne.com.

About Rally

Rally is the recognized leader in Agile application lifecycle management (ALM). We are dedicated to helping organizations embrace Agile and Lean development practices that increase the pace of innovation and improve product quality. According to a study by QSM Associates, software-driven companies that rely on Rally's Agile ALM products and services are 50% faster to market and 25% more productive than industry averages. The company's experienced services group, including training through Agile University, guides companies through the organizational change required to become innovative, Agile businesses. Together, Rally's Agile ALM platform and its leading Kanban-based project collaboration tool, AgileZen, support more than 9,700 corporate customers, 126,000 projects and 112,000 users in 101 countries. For more information, visit http://www.rallydev.com.