

READER RESPONSE



Editor,

I really enjoyed your editorial in the Summer 2013 issue of ASPIRE™. I plan to share it and discuss it with our key people in Tampa. We have always tried to be open to trying new products and innovative methods. We are flexible to carefully trying new things, while locking in the best of the old things. Sometimes we stand pat and sometimes we change. Sometimes it's a fine line to walk. We may not be perfect, but we are carefully improving our products, systems and services over time.

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Editor,

Kudos to you for your thoughtful editorial, "Don't Let the Perfect Be the Enemy of the Good," in the Summer 2013 Issue of ASPIRE. From my life experiences, referred to in your piece, too many engineers and agencies embrace just the opposite philosophies:

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Engineering should be all about improving design and construction through sound reasoning and thoroughly thinking a concept through. Engineering is not an exact science requiring the absolute, the perfect or resolution of all issues before taking any action.

Your reference to the quote from Voltaire brought to mind another quote attributed to General George Patton that he expressed in the French vernacular, "Audace, audace, toujours audace." (Be bold, be bold, always be bold.)

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