

MCARDLE JOAN C

Form 4

September 14, 2012

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
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2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC /DE/
[AZPN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC., 200
WHEELER ROAD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
09/12/2012

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

(Street)
BURLINGTON, MA 01803

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	Price		By employer
Common Stock	09/12/2012		M	8,000	A \$ 2.32	27,337	D
Common Stock	09/12/2012		S	8,000 (3)	D \$ 24.8735	19,337	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.32	09/12/2012		M	8,000	(2) 12/09/2012	Common Stock	8,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCARDLE JOAN C ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC. 200 WHEELER ROAD BURLINGTON, MA 01803				

Signatures

/s/ F.G. Hammond,
Attorney-In-Fact

09/14/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) These securities are held by Massachusetts Capital Resource Company. The reporting person serves as a senior vice president of Massachusetts Capital Resource Company, and may be deemed to have shared voting power over these securities. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of these securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

(2) The option granted at the exercise price of \$2.32, representing a right to purchase 8,000 shares, became exercisable in four equal installments beginning on the third anniversary of the grant date, provided the optionee remained a director. The option became fully exercisable on August 14, 2003 upon the occurrence of a change in control as defined under the terms of the option plan, as amended.

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- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$24.8278 to \$24.95, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Aspen Technology, Inc., any security holder of Aspen Technology, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.
- (3)

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