
K-Notes: Agile Software Development Solicitation

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Agile vs Waterfall: important distinction

You need to know from your client which project management approach they are using. This will help you pick the right template.



“There’s a problem and what we’re buying is a solution. The software is the vehicle through which the solution is delivered.”

John Grant

Founder, Agile Professionals, LLC

“By basically breaking the time scale down into these very rapid iterations...there are no change orders.”

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **With Agile, the goal is to solve a problem**

The template requires that you clearly define what problem is being solved, including a concise summary.

- **Know project management basics**

Traditional project management is different than agile project management, and each comes with their own set of expectations, methods, and terms. Reading up on these can make your drafting much more accurate.

- **You’ll need to create user stories**

The template encourages you to come up with a backlog of user stories that frame the problem in a particular format: As a (blank), I need to be able to (blank) so that I can (blank).

- **Learn from agile methods**

Attorneys can learn a lot from agile project management as it spreads to other industries, including the legal sector. If you review or draft software development contracts, knowing agile methods will be a major part of your job.