ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC /DE/ Form 8-K December 21, 2009

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 21, 2009

ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation **0-24786** (Commission File Number) 04-2739697 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

200 Wheeler Road, Burlington, MA (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

01803 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (781) 221-6400

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On December 21, 2009, we issued a press release announcing financial results for the first quarter of fiscal year 2010. The full text of the press release issued in connection with this announcement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information in this Item 2.02, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit relating to Item 2.02 shall be deemed to be furnished, and not filed:

Exhibit No.

99.1 Press release issued by Aspen Technology, Inc. on December 21, 2009.

SIGNATURE

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC.

Date: December 21, 2009

By:

/s/ Mark P. Sullivan Mark P. Sullivan Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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Press release issued by Aspen Technology, Inc. on December 21, 2009.