1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF A BOVE PERSON

The V anguard G roup - 23-1945930

- 2. CHECK THE A PPROPRIATE [LINE] IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP
  - A. B. <u>X</u>
- 3. SEC USE ONLY
- 4. CITIZENSHIP OF PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Pennsylvania

(For questions 5-8, report the number of shares beneficially owned by each reporting person with:)

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

47,866,996

- 6. SHARED VOTING POWER
- 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

52,279,113

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

9,397,364

9. AGGREGATE A MOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

61,676,477

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

N/A

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY A MOUNT IN ROW 9

5.15%

- 12. TY PE OF REPORTING PERSON
- IA

#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

#### SCHEDULE 13G Under the Securities A ct of 1934

Check the following [line] if a fee is being paid with this statement  $\,$  N/A

Item 1(a) - Name of Issuer:

A spen G roup

# Item 1(b) - A ddress of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

720 South Colorado Boulevard Suite 1150N Denver, CO 80246

Item 2(a) - Name of Person Filing:

The V anguard G roup - 23-1945930

## I tem 2(b) – A ddress of Principal Business Office or, if none, residence:

100 V anguard B1vd. Malvern, PA 19355

Item 2(c) - Citizenship:

Pennsylvania

I tem 2(d) - Title of Class of Securities:

REIT

Item 2(e) - CUSIP Number

636105

Item 3 - Type of Filing:

This statement is being filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1. A n investment adviser in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E).

<u>I tem 4 - Ownership:</u>

(a) A mount Beneficially Owned:

61,676,477

(b) Percent of Class:

5.15%

### A ppendix A

V anguard Investments A ustralia, Ltd. ("VIA"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of The V anguard G roup, Inc., is the beneficial owner of 57,264,360 shares or 4.78% of the Common Stock outstanding of the Company as a result of its serving as investment manager of A ustralian investment offerings.

By /s/F. William McNabb III\*

F. William McNabb III

# President and Chief Executive Officer

\*By: /s/Glenn Booraem

Glenn Booraem, pursuant to a Power of Attorney filed on January 29, 2010, see File Number 005-81485, Incorporated by Reference