

Membership in EDGE® Innovation Network Surpasses 100 Organizations

-- With industry, academic and non-profit members, the EDGE fields needed technology for military and government users in continually shorter cycle times. --

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. – Membership in the EDGE® Innovation Network now surpasses 100 industry, academic and non-profit member organizations worldwide. Sponsored by General Dynamics C4 Systems, the EDGE incorporates a revolutionary model where industry and academia collaborate with government users to rapidly deliver new technologies, innovative capabilities to warfighters and first responders in cycle times much faster than the conventional acquisition process will allow.

“The growth of the EDGE Innovation Network has been driven primarily by customer and end-user satisfaction, as well as member referrals,” said Pete Palmer, EDGE Innovation Network director. “The result of these collaborations is an impressive assortment of helmet-mounted systems, weapon systems, communications and computing products that can be used to accelerate solutions that meet our users’ needs.”

EDGE membership began with fifteen small technology companies and quickly grew to include renowned academic institutions and dozens of domestic and international businesses, including Cisco Systems, Ericsson, Microsoft Federal and Motorola Federal Government Markets Division.

In addition to research and development activities, the EDGE will be introducing a Knowledge Management System (KMS) supported by EDGE member Microsoft Federal. The system will allow members to become even more aware of collaborative project opportunities by matching member capabilities with user needs.

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The EDGE Innovation Network was established in 2006. There are currently five EDGE Innovation Centers worldwide and over 100 EDGE members. Recent new members include Motorola Federal Markets Division, Columbia, Md.; Protonex Technology Corporation., Southborough, Mass.; EMC Corporation, Marlborough, Mass.; Florida State University, Tallahassee, Fla.; and the University of California at Santa Barbara. More information can be found online at www.edge-innovation.com.

General Dynamics C4 Systems is a leading integrator of secure communication and information systems and technology. With more than 10,900 employees worldwide, the company specializes in command and control, communications networking, computing and information assurance for defense, government and select commercial customers in the United States and abroad.

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