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GENERAL DYNAMICS
C4 Systems

EDGE® Innovation Network

**Bringing Experience, Engineering,
and Expertise to the U.S. Coast
Guard**

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What is the EDGE[®] Innovation Network?

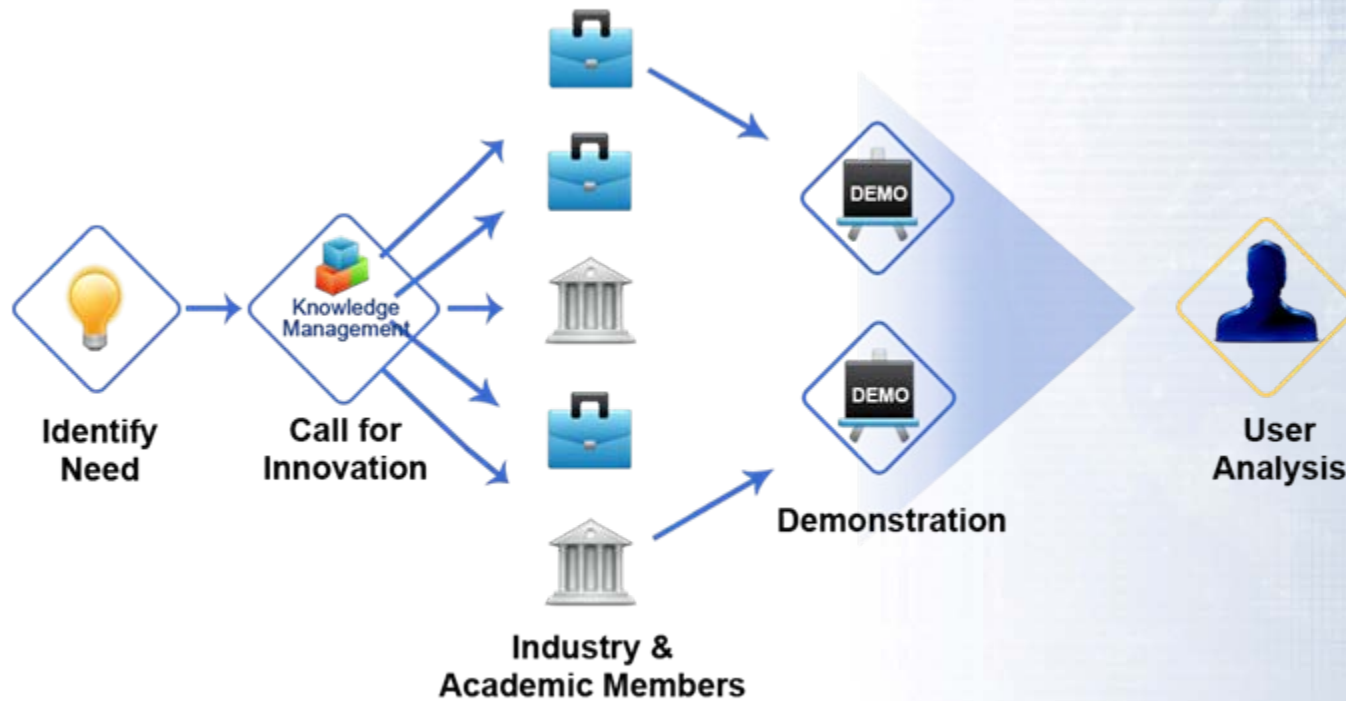
A revolutionary model where industry and academia collaborate to deliver new technologies and innovative capabilities to users.

Addresses the innovation needs of:

- Military
- Federal and state governments
- Commercial and international users

Over \$200M in Research and Development from 100 industry and academic members

EDGE Innovation Network How It Works





EDGE Benefits

Links user needs to wide range of technical solutions

Quick path to solutions

- No reinventions
- “60 days to demo” goal

Access to multi-vendor technology

Collaboration between industry partners

- Sharing of knowledge and solutions

Sustained Innovation

- Optimizes system upgrades





Sample EDGE Projects

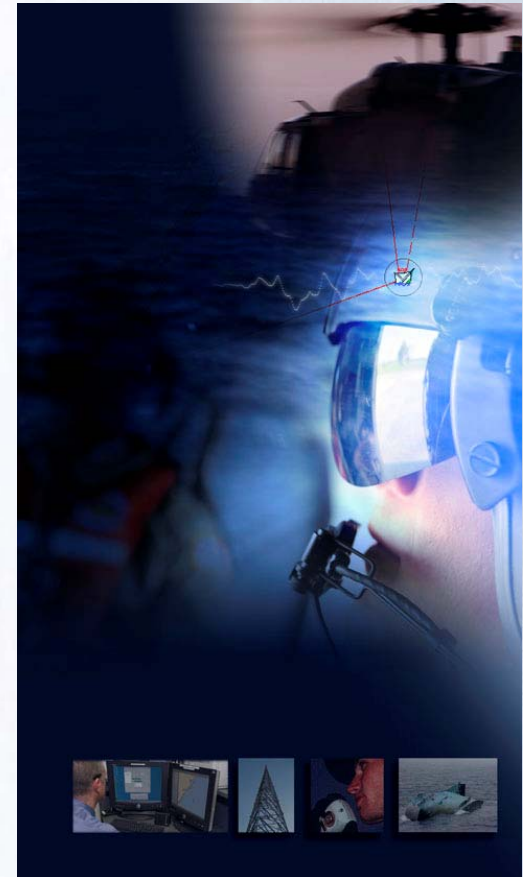
Researching New Technologies with Potential to Improve Coast Guard Operations

Speech Recognition Innovations

- With BBN, IBM, Viecore, Iris Technologies, Fonix

Transmission of Operational Data to Airborne Helicopters

- With Rockwell Collins





Closing

The EDGE has completed ~50 projects to date

- DOD, Federal Civil government

The EDGE model has proven to deliver value to all involved



***The EDGE Model Provides a Compelling New Approach
to Bringing Innovative Solutions to Users***



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