



Executives Driving Government Excellence



HIGHLIGHTS of Leading EDGE

A precedent-setting interagency leadership development program

An enterprise-wide program that ensures our government leaders have a shared identity and vision



Shaping the Future of the Federal Government

The Leading EDGE – Executives Driving Government Excellence – program stands alone in uniting senior executives across the Federal government in tackling America’s greatest challenges through a free flow of ideas, agency spanning collaboration, and rapid execution. It is inspired by the complexities and pressures of today’s government, which require a new level of creative thinking and partnering. Leading EDGE takes a major step toward realizing a seamless and powerful senior executive corps, unified in purpose and aligned in priorities, to deliver better government performance for the taxpayer.

As a participant in Leading EDGE, you will be part of the vital cadre of senior executive leadership that will shape the future of government. You will interact with some of the best minds in government, private, academic, and non-profit sectors. Through focused learning and applied challenges, you will benefit from proven approaches that have modernized and streamlined other agencies. What you learn and do will have a positive impact on your peers, your organization, and those in your organization who look to you for your leadership and vision.

Be a Part of the Solution

Leading EDGE will provide a blended learning experience of workshops, lectures, assessments, coaching, and challenge teams. You will be inspired and challenged to:

- ★ Identify, modify, and create solutions that have impact across agencies;
- ★ Inspire a shared, government-wide identity and vision; and
- ★ Reignite the highest ideals of public service.

Connecting Senior Executives to meet America’s Challenges

The collaborative nature of Leading EDGE not only allows you to develop and expand your professional network, it provides a rich forum for discussion, an incubator space for innovation, and an environment that allows you to test theories for improved performance. You will be asked to:

- ★ Assess successful programs in government, private, and non-profit sectors and approach our Nation’s challenges in new ways;
- ★ Consider new government business and partnership models that focus on efficiency, effectiveness, and sustainability; and
- ★ Test your assumptions and look for opportunities across government agencies.

This is your chance to make a difference. The time to lead is now.

Do you have the EDGE?



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What is the Leading EDGE program?

Leading EDGE is a critical leadership development program designed to address the complexity of today's government. It takes a major step toward realizing a seamless and powerful senior executive corps, unified in purpose and aligned in priorities, to reignite the highest ideals of public service.

Who will be participating in the Leading EDGE program?

The audience for this government-wide program is the entire senior executive corps, including SES, SL/ST, and equivalent-level participants. As of mid-May 2012, 14 agencies, with over 3,300 total participants have signed up. Additional details for participants are forthcoming, including portal registration and information about upcoming events.

Why was this program created now when other leadership development efforts exist within my own agency?

Leading EDGE is a precedent-setting interagency leadership development program that connects executives in an exclusive, Federal executive-only network. This program is an indication of the value that the President's Management Council – who is sponsoring this program – places on its senior executives and a recognition that government cannot operate efficiently without effective and motivated leadership from this group. Current challenges demand an increased investment to provide the right tools to senior executives so that they can lead and inspire others, while building high-performing organizations.

How will this program benefit senior Federal executives?

Investing in our senior executives is critical since they are on the front lines of ensuring our government meets the needs of its citizens. This program will give them go-to tools for confronting the toughest challenges they face, while helping government as a whole innovate and improve.

What will this program entail?

During the initial phase of Leading EDGE, participants will attend a series of leadership workshops featuring leaders from the Executive and Legislative branches as well as thought leaders from the private, non-profit, and academic sectors. Participants will also collaborate and network with their peers from participating agencies via a Web portal that will contain links to videos, leadership assessments, executive coaching registration, community of practice discussions, and more.

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