Shaping the Future of the Federal Government

*Leading EDGE – Executives Driving Government Excellence* – 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. In 2012 the President’s Management Council (PMC) approved and launched *Leading EDGE* as an executive leadership and training program designed to cultivate new levels of creative thinking and partnership.

*Leading EDGE* strives to:

- Create a **seamless and powerful senior executive corps**, unified in purpose and aligned in priorities
- Identify, modify, and create solutions that have **impact across agencies**
- Inspire a **shared government-wide identity and vision**
- Provide a renewed commitment to the **highest ideals of public service**

**Our Executives are Part of the Solution**

Participants in *Leading EDGE* are part of the vital cadre of senior executive leadership that will shape the future of government. Investing in them is a critical priority as they are on the front lines of ensuring our government meets the needs of its citizens.

*Leading EDGE* is an interdisciplinary program that connects senior executives from across the Federal Government and gives them the insights and networks to effectively confront the toughest challenges they face, while helping government innovate and improve. *Leading EDGE* is designed to provide a blended learning experience of interactive workshops, lectures, individual skill assessments, executive coaching, and government performance project teams.

**Connecting Senior Executives to meet America’s Challenges**

*Leading EDGE* provides opportunities for executives in the program to network and learn from some of the best minds in public management and business today. We encourage our participants to:

- Approach our Nation’s challenges in new ways through theme-based workshops that offer opportunities to gain insights and interact with leaders and managers from public and private sectors who have faced similar challenges
- Consider new government business and partnership models that focus on efficiency, effectiveness, and sustainability
- Enhance personal leadership skills and test assumptions through innovative leadership assessments and executive coaching
- Engage in active learning and solve real-time agency issues through participation in Government Performance Projects (GPPs)

**Join us on the Leading EDGE!**
How will Leading EDGE benefit senior Federal executives?
Leading EDGE gives senior executives the knowledge and tools to confront the operational, workforce, and resource challenges they currently confront daily, while helping government as a whole innovate and improve. Program components offer opportunities for leaders to focus on their own growth and development while enhancing their personal and professional networks and building lasting relationships with peers across agencies.

What will this program entail?
In Leading EDGE, participants attend a series of workshops featuring leaders and experts from government, the private and non-profit sectors, and academia. Participants can also engage in unique Leadership Assessments, Executive Coaching, and Government Performance Projects, as well as network with peers from participating agencies via the Leading EDGE Web Portal that contains links to videos, leadership assessments, workshop-related content, community of practice discussions, and more.

Is Leading EDGE a single year, cohort program?
No, Leading EDGE is a continuous learning program designed without an end date. Developed around an academic calendar, each year of Leading EDGE will present new and returning participants with fresh content and a set of integrated themes chosen based on participant feedback. Program themes and components are integrated and designed to provide an active learning experience grounded in real-world challenges and solutions. Participants gain new perspectives, skills, and expertise that can be applied in their daily activities, as well as for career development.

What are Government Performance Projects (GPPs)?
The Leading EDGE GPPs are results-driven projects that allow participants to contribute collaboratively across agency lines to solve cross-cutting government problems. Interagency teams, each sponsored by a President’s Management Council Subcommittee member, tackle a set of challenges that support the President’s Management Agenda, then work against an aggressive timeline to develop actionable plans and recommendations. The GPPs offer a venue to expand their contribution to public service, and a unique structure for driving impactful change.

How does the Leading EDGE program receive its funding?
Leading EDGE receives all of its funding from participation fees executed through Inter-Agency Agreements, and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) designed and operates the cross-agency program on behalf of the President’s Management Council. To find out more about participation pricing options and how your agency’s executives can enroll in the program, please contact Executive Director Jim Trinka, Ph. D. at Jim.Trinka@va.gov.

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