# Forward Edge-AI  Appoints Rodney Couick as Vice President of Federal Programs & SBIR Commercialization

*Former GSA SBIR/STTR Leader to Accelerate Federal Transition and Market Adoption of Innovative Technologies*

SAN ANTONIO, TX, UNITED STATES, February 4, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Forward Edge-AI today announced the appointment of Rodney Couick as Vice President of Federal Programs & SBIR Commercialization within its Customer Operations Department. In this role, Couick will lead efforts to scale and commercialize the company's SBIR-funded technologies across the federal marketplace.

> "Rodney's unmatched experience in SBIR Phase III and federal acquisition uniquely positions him to help our customers move breakthrough technologies from R&D into real-world impact."
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> *Eric Adolphe, CEO*

Couick joins Forward Edge-AI  following his retirement from the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), where he served as a senior SBIR/STTR advisor and was widely recognized as a national authority on SBIR Phase III contracting. During his tenure, he helped guide the award of dozens of SBIR Phase III contracts with a combined ceiling in the tens of billions of dollars, enabling federal agencies to rapidly transition innovative technologies into operational use.
At Forward Edge-AI , Couick will focus on accelerating SBIR Phase III execution, supporting sole-source contracting strategies, and helping customers bridge the gap between innovation and sustained federal adoption.

Couick's leadership will be instrumental as Forward Edge-AI scales its federal programs and commercialization efforts. Couick brings more than three decades of acquisition, engineering, and federal program leadership experience, including a distinguished career in the U.S. Air Force and multiple national awards recognizing his contributions to small business innovation and commercialization. At Forward Edge-AI, Couick is able to continue supporting the small business community, including leveraging Forward Edge-AI's SBIR Knowledge Academy, an open source resource for all small businesses.

About Forward Edge-AI

Forward Edge-AI, Inc. is a leader in AI-driven cybersecurity solutions and quantum-resistant technologies for defense, government, and critical infrastructure. The company's flagship product, Isidore Quantum®, combines post-quantum encryption, AI-enabled resilience, and software-defined network control to deliver future-proof protection against emerging digital threats. Visit https://forwardedge.ai/ for more information.

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