CAPABILITY STATEMENT

Tactical Leading Edge, LLC

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AI that keeps the operator in the fight.

Tactical Leading Edge builds tools that answer at machine speed from approved sources and show their work, so the operator stays engaged and makes the decision. A service-disabled veteran-owned engineering and applied-R&D firm serving naval and tactical aviation programs, primes, and research partners.

Core competencies

- **Applied R&D and software.** AI decision and training tools that answer only from approved sources and show their evidence; simulation; risk-assessment tooling. Python and open-source stacks; prototypes built to be checked.
  NAICS 541511, 541715
- **Engineering and technical consulting.** Systems engineering, test and evaluation, requirements and CONOPS review for naval and tactical aviation programs, from the operator's side of the requirement; tactical datalink integration and fleet support.
  NAICS 541330
- **Training and instruction.** Course design and delivery, syllabus and evaluation design, and training-effectiveness assessment with our cognitive-science partner; built around what the operator has to do.
  NAICS 611430, 611519
- **SBIR/STTR teaming.** Prime or SDVOSB subcontractor on Department of War topics where operator domain authority is the missing piece.

Differentiators

- **Operator domain authority.** Founded and led by a former naval aviator and weapons-and-tactics instructor who still instructs in the simulator.
- **Human in command by design.** Our AI work is built to be checked, not believed, consistent with DoDD 3000.09: approved corpus, evidence chain, structured refusal.
- **Small and direct.** The engineer you talk to does the work. We state in writing what a system can and cannot do before you buy it.
- **SDVOSB.** Counts toward small-business and service-disabled veteran subcontracting goals.

Past performance

- **Navy SBIR Phase I, contract N0002425CS138 (2025–2026).** Subcontractor; adaptive training system for integrated air and missile defense. Operational subject-matter expertise, training-design input, operator-facing evaluation.
- **MELD, with Brighter Research (2026–present).** Joint-venture prototype of a traceable AI teammate for operate and train modes; engine validated on scripted generation; internally funded; concept shown at the 2026 FathomWerx Summit.
- **Cumulative risk-assessment platform for high-altitude operations (2026–present).** Software developer; Monte Carlo descent simulation with a machine-learning surrogate; demonstration stage with a safety-methodology partner.

Company data

LEGAL NAME	Tactical Leading Edge, LLC
ENTITY	California LLC, formed September 2024; SOS file 202464014124
OWNERSHIP	Single-member; 100% service-disabled veteran owned
CERTIFICATION	SDVOSB, SBA VetCert, certified 25 Sep 2025
CAGE	06A44
UEI	DTDUT9LY4XW6
PRIMARY NAICS	541330 Engineering Services
OTHER NAICS	541511, 541690, 541715, 611430, 611519, 334220, 334511, 336413
PSC	R408, R425, U008, DA01, AC11–13, AJ11–13, L016, L099, 5820–5826, 5830, 5850, 5855, 6910, 6930, 1220, 1240, 1265, 1680
SIZE	Small business under all listed NAICS
SECURITY	NIST SP 800-171 security program; SPRS score posted
PAYMENT	ACH / EFT via SAM
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