



EDGE Series 26

QUANTUM CLARITY

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We all know that AI is changing everything, quantum is on deck, and it can dwarf AI in its impact on every part of national security, economic competitiveness, and the future of global power.

This calendar year's first EDGESeries brings together frontline Quantum leaders from the FBI, Capitol Hill, and emerging hubs of research, development and commercialization.

American quantum leadership is an imperative. The security of every dataset of every part of our expansive critical infrastructure, every business of every size, and every citizen depends on it.

The GBEF is grateful to today's speakers for sharing their expertise and perspective.

Grab a refreshment and buckle up. This is EDGESeries26 and thank you for being part of something bigger!

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Donald W. Upson
Chairman, GBEF

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Partner, GBEF

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Dr. Barry C. West
Program Chair, GBEF

2026 Calendar

The EDGE Congressional breakfast series and other EDGE special activities will be added to GBEF members' calendars.

April 16	EDGESeries:
May 21	EDGESeries:
July 9-11	EDGE Security Summit, Marriott Marquis, San Diego
September 16	EDGESeries: French Embassy Program
October 13	EDGESeries:
November 19	EDGESeries:



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Agenda

- 4:00-4:10 PM **WELCOME REMARKS**
Donald W. Upson, Chairman & Founder, GBEF
- 4:10-4:30 PM **QUANTUM AND AMERICAN NATIONAL SECURITY**
Peter Berube, Senior Supervisory Intelligence Analyst, Intelligence Branch, Chicago,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Doug DePodesta, Special Agent in Charge, Chicago Field Office, Federal Bureau of
Investigation
- 4:30-4:50 PM **CHINA AND THE GLOBAL QUANTUM RACE**
Paul Zebb, Senior Counsel, House Select Committee on China
- 4:50-5:05 PM **THE ROAD AHEAD: TO A QUANTUM WORLD**
Dr. Katie Timmerman, CEO, Chicago Quantum Exchange
- 5:05-5:30 PM **QUANTUM FIRING LINE**
Moderator: Doug DePodesta, Special Agent in Charge, Chicago Field Office, Federal Bureau of
Investigation
Peter Berube, Senior Supervisory Intelligence Analyst, Intelligence Branch, Chicago,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Julia Lane, Federal Strategy Advisor, Illinois Quantum & Microelectronics Park
Dr. Katie Timmerman, CEO, Chicago Quantum Exchange
Paul Zebb, Senior Counsel, House Select Committee on the CCP
- 5:30-5:45 PM **GOVERNMENT ACQUISITION AND CHINA TECHNOLOGY: APRIL DEADLINE**
Christopher Forsgren, Senior Associate, Steptoe, LLP
- 5:45-5:55 PM **IRISH SPRING**
John Wagner, President, John Wagner Consulting, LLC
- 5:50-6:00 PM **CLOSING REMARKS**

Speakers



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