



Doug Smith

President & Chief Executive Officer

Doug Smith is President and Chief Executive Officer for Ligado Networks and is responsible for directing the vision of the company and managing every aspect of its day-to-day operations. He leads efforts to utilize its state-of-the-art communications assets in operating a network solutions firm designed to extend coverage, increase capacity, and accelerate the delivery of next-generation technology for America's wireless and critical infrastructure industries.

With more than 25 years of domestic and international telecom and wireless industry experience, Doug has engineered, built, and launched nationwide networks for GTE, Nextel, Sprint Nextel, and Clearwire.

From the outset of the commercial cellular industry, Doug has been involved with the development and technical support of several nationwide cellular networks spanning every generation of technology from the first analog networks through today's state-of-the-art systems. Joining Nextel when it was a start-up company, Doug helped build the business from the ground up. He was responsible for the design and operation of Nextel's nationwide network consisting of more than 20,000 cells and serving more than 20 million subscribers. Following that network deployment, he served as Sprint's Senior Vice President and Chief Technical Operations Officer and embarked on the deployment of the company's 4G network.

Doug received a Master of Science in Management of Technology from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Merrimack College.