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Hale Capital Leads TigerByte Cyber's First Institutional Funding — Edge Cybersecurity for AI and Defense

TigerByte Cyber secures the edge devices that connect legacy aircraft, satellite and communications systems to modern capabilities, enabling rapid and safe modernization of these mission-critical platforms

Washington, D.C. — TigerByte Cyber, a defense-focused cybersecurity company specializing in hardware-based edge computing solutions, announced it has raised a \$3 million seed funding round led by Hale Capital Partners with the participation of Tenon VC. The funding will support rapid scaling of TigerByte Cyber's technology to modernize legacy communications and navigation systems across military and commercial aircraft, satellites, vehicles and drones. The company's solutions provide post-quantum encryption, policy enforced data validation, and system hardening techniques to defend these critical systems against cyberattacks. TigerByte Cyber's technology has drawn strong interest from multiple U.S. government agencies, including the US Space Force, the US Navy and DARPA, and the company has secured over \$7 million in contracts.

"We founded TigerByte Cyber to bring the principles of modern cloud security to the edge, where mission critical systems operate with limited protection and no margin for failure. By combining multiple DARPA-developed technologies, such as post-quantum encryption, data validation, and formal parsing, we are creating a new foundation for autonomous, resilient systems that can operate with complete confidence, maintain data integrity, and remain secure without disruption."

— **Sage Secilmis, CEO, TigerByte Cyber**

Aircraft, satellites and other platforms increasingly rely on connected edge devices to enhance their capabilities, but many of these platforms were not designed to withstand today's cyber threats. Strengthening the cybersecurity of these systems is essential to achieving trusted

mission autonomy, preserving data integrity, and enabling aircraft and satellites to operate securely and without disruption.

TigerByte Cyber's flagship product, Cyber Protection Suite (CPS), brings modern cybersecurity capabilities to legacy platforms. Designed for mission-critical edge environments, CPS combines an ultra-compact form factor with plug-and-play functionality. It delivers high-speed, hardware-enforced security, including policy enforced data validation, deep packet inspection, post-quantum encryption, and network segmentation. Its compact, resilient design enables in-transit encryption and deep packet inspection on aircraft, satellites and other space- and power-constrained environments.

TigerByte Cyber's CPS technology has been validated through real-world testing with multiple government agencies. In March 2026, it achieved flight heritage by successfully upgrading the communications security of an operational satellite in orbit through the deployment of its encryption technology. In August 2026, TigerByte demonstrated its capabilities at the Navy's Joint Interagency Field Experiment (JIFX) at Camp Roberts. The company was recently awarded a contract by the U.S. Space Force to investigate new approaches to edge computing in space, in addition to other government contracts totaling \$7 million.

"Protecting data at the network edge is vital to ensuring the continued relevance and impact of legacy platforms as AI/ML continues to develop and connected devices and sensors proliferate. TigerByte Cyber is solving an urgent and surprisingly hard problem that spans national security, commercial aviation and much more."

— **Nathan Foos, Managing Director, Hale Capital Partners**

The seed funding will be used to scale the production of TigerByte Cyber's technology and expand its US manufacturing capabilities. As part of this deal, Rob Wiltbank, CEO of Galois, will join TigerByte Cyber's Board of Directors.

About TigerByte Cyber

TigerByte Cyber is a defense-focused cybersecurity company specializing in hardware-based edge computing solutions. Their mission is to secure the edge of intelligence. Their Cyber Protection Suite product modernizes legacy systems at the network edge and applies a layered Defense In Depth Strategy, all in an ultra-compact form factor. Their AI Security Arbiter product provides a unified AI security orchestration and governance layer for enterprise AI. With decades of research in cryptography and cybersecurity alongside the U.S. government, federal system integrators and academia, TigerByte brings modern security capabilities to existing mission-critical systems. For more information, please visit tigerbytecyber.us.

About Hale Capital Partners

Hale Capital Partners is a private equity firm that partners with talented entrepreneurs to achieve remarkable corporate transformations. Founded in 2007 by Martin M. Hale Jr., HCP invests in defense technology, federal services, and commercial technology companies. With an evergreen fund structure, the firm serves as a long-term steward for growth-oriented businesses, bringing deep operational expertise, institutional knowledge, and a proven track record spanning 19 years of investing across market cycles. For more information, please visit www.halecapital.com.

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