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The intent of this document is to provide VSO CMS developers, integrators, and project managers a guide to using the documentation on the VACI website as they enhance their CMS system and prepare to make submissions to DAS in production.

Documents on the VACI website may be divided into two groups, one for developers and integrators and one for project managers and integrators. By “integrator” we mean the individual responsible for establishing, securing, and testing the XML SOAP messaging between the VSO CMS and VA DAS systems. The first group of documents focuses on the D2D protocol and XML SOAP messaging structure, while the second group of documents focuses on the administrative, networking, security, and testing activities necessary to implement.

For Developers and Integrators

Ordering	Document Title	Purpose	Context
1	Development Roadmap and Service Scenarios	The purpose of this document is to provide D2D VSO CMS developers and system integrators with the conventions governing submittals of claims and documents to the D2D system. It provides: a background on D2D, the Service Protocol, DAS Operations (API's), and the procedures to be followed under different response scenarios.	This document should be read first as it provides the overview of how D2D functions from an architectural, transactional, service operations, and service response perspective. Once a developer and/or integrator understands this document, they should proceed to the subsequent documents on this list for further details.
2	DAS Gateway ICD	This document is the Interface Control Document (ICD) for the interface between the VSO CMS and the DAS Gateway application.	As described in the Development Roadmap document above, D2D submissions consist of one Base 64 encoded XML message embedded within another Base 64 encoded message. Following the logic of the embedded XML, this document should be read next as it defines the “outer” XML and the submission to the DAS Gateway. It provides an overview of the DAS system, the protocol specific to this component, security details, etc.
3	D2D VSO Interface Dictionary	This document includes error codes to be returned by D2D to the VSO CMS, operations	This document describes the specifics of the XML submission embedded within the outer one (see above).

		available to the embedded XML, XML Elements, unique identifiers, for each Submission and Transmission, VSO codes, the list of document and supporting document types supported by D2D.	
4	Data Dictionary	This document contains field definitions for all forms accepted by D2D and specifics for defining addresses, phone numbers, contentions, etc. in the D2D XML schema.	Along with the D2D VSO Interface Dictionary, this document describes the specifics of the "inner" XML submission embedded within the outer one (see above).
5	EFSS Zip	This contains the EFSS WSDL.	This provides the WSDL for the "inner" SOAP message intended for EFSS hosted by the VIERS system.
6	21-22 Form Zip, 21-526EZ Form Zip, 21-0966 Form Zip,	These are zip files containing the XSD, XML, and WSDL for each supported form.	Along with the D2D VSO Interface Dictionary and Data Dictionary, these should be used by developers when formulating the XML messages to be transmitted by their VSO CMS.

Project Managers and Integrators

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1	D2D On-boarding Process	This document provides the on-boarding process flow, defines artifacts, lists assumptions, and identifies POC's.	Due to its onboarding process flow, this is the best place to start to understand the sequence of events necessary for establishing connectivity and testing with DAS.
2	VLER DAS Implementation Form	The following form is required to be completed for all external vendors/clients that wish to establish internetworking connectivity to VLER DAS via the Department of Veterans Affairs Gateway. As per the Department of Veterans Affairs 6500 series on security policies and guidelines, connectivity will not be authorized until this completed form with the attached materials, noted below, is received and validated.	This form should be completed first as it is a pre-requisite for long-lead time VA security processes that enable vendors to submit securely through the firewall.
3	Data Transfer Agreement (DTA)	The purpose of this DTA is to establish the terms and conditions under which VSO Organization	This is paperwork required to be completed by the VSO (not CMS vendor when that is a separate organization

		Name will electronically submit claim data captured in its claims management system, Name of the Claims Management System (CMS), to VBA's Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record (VLER) Data Access Services (DAS), for the express use and under the express authority as set forth below and pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).	from the VSO.
4	Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)	The MOU documents the terms and conditions for sharing data and information resources in a secure manner, defines the purpose of the interconnection, identifies relative authorities, and specifies the responsibilities of the participating organizations. Additionally, the MOU provides details pertaining to the apportionment of cost and the timeline for terminating or reauthorizing the interconnection. Technical details on how the interconnection is established or maintained are addressed by the Data Transfer Agreement (DTA).	This is paperwork required to be completed by the VSO (not CMS vendor when that is a separate organization from the VSO).

Versioning of Documents

The VACI website contains a complete set of documentation for the current production version of D2D. In the folder titled Technical – Upcoming Release, it also contains all document changes currently published associated with the next release of D2D. Please refer to the document below, also published on the site, for the log of document changes.

N/A	Change Control Document	This is the Master VACI Change Control Sheet that specifies the folder, subfolder, document title, and publish date for all updates (uploads) to the VACI website.	This document should be used if there any questions concerning versioning of documents.
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