**AI Tech Sprint Data Flow Process**

In order to secure the use of protected data to and from the VA, a data flow process has been established to streamline operations for competitors who access data in the *AI Tech Sprint for Documenting VA Clinical Encounters and Integrating Community Care*. Participating competitors must follow the instructions outlined below for sending and receiving data from the VA.

Please be advised that competitors must provide a point of contact for the VA Innovations Unit to coordinate with in order to gather the names and email addresses of the users who will need access to the inbound and outbound storage folders. These folders will contain important documents and data that will be shared with AI Tech Sprint competitors.

1. As a reminder within **48 hours of receiving a notice of acceptance**, each competitor must send [vacotechsprint@va.gov](mailto:vacotechsprint@va.gov) the following information:

* The full name and email address of the competitor staff member or point of contact who will need access to the external storage folders.
* Any external API endpoints, URLs, and SaaS service IP addresses and ports required to connect to GFE, VAEC, Virtual Servers, Virtual Computer, and VA Tech Sprint storage.

1. Any software, drivers, audio devices, or other technology needed to be installed on a government furnished equipment (GFE) device or in the government VA enterprise cloud or other virtual machines must have a joint action plan in place with VA SimLEARN and VA Innovations Unit (VAIU) **no later than** **January 26, 2024.**
   * Competitors will need to work with the Office of Information and Technology (OIT) and SimLEARN to create the joint action plan.
   * Once you have a baseline action plan ready. Please email [vacotechsprint@va.gov](mailto:vacotechsprint@va.gov) and you will be provided with a contact and/or appointment time.
2. Competitors should regularly monitor their email address provided for communication regarding access to the AI Tech Sprint technical tools.

* Requests for information and instructions from competitors on how to install any required competitor resources GFE devices, VA Enterprise Cloud (VAEC), or on virtual servers and computers, will also be emailed.

1. Competitors must test all connections in accordance with the timeline provided by Tech Sprint staff, and SimLEARN staff to ensure all inbound and outbound connections are fully functional prior to the AI Tech Sprint evaluation taking place at Gate 2 and Gate 3.

* Simulation and additional technical scoring requirements (including document processing time) will be provided in the official Evaluation Specifications and Criteria document.

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The diagram below describes the inbound and outbound file data flow that will be used for evaluation.

Diagram

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