



SERDP & ESTCP Management System (SEMS)

**Account Setup and Multi-Factor Authentication
(MFA) Setup Guide**

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Overview

Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)

Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) has now been enabled for The SERDRP and ESTCP Management System (SEMS). MFA is an authentication method that requires more than one verification method for users when signing into the system.

Standard accounts (not linked to CAC card):

When you log into your SEMS account, you will be required to enter your email address and password, as well as a verification code. To receive the code, a one-time setup of the MFA verification method is required. This guide explains how to create an account and setup the MFA verification method.

Homepage

SERDP and ESTCP Management System (SEMS)

Helping manage a large and diverse research portfolio

SIGN IN

CREATE ACCOUNT

CREATE DOD CAC ACCOUNT

1

SIGN IN

If you already have an account.

2

CREATE ACCOUNT

If you are a new user.

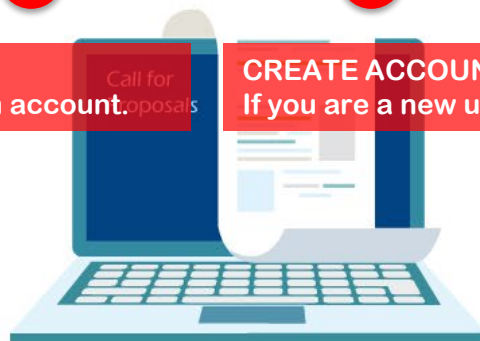
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CREATE DOD CAC ACCOUNT

If you are a new user and wish to link your CAC to your SEMS account.

Open Solicitations

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Existing User

The SERDP and ESTCP Management System (SEMS) has upgraded its login process to improve usability. Following this upgrade, you will need to reactivate your account and reset your password. You should have received an email with subject of 'Account Update' with instructions.

If you did not receive this email, or need login assistance, please contact sems@serdp-estcp.org

New User

You must create an account in order to access The SERDP and ESTCP Management System (SEMS). There are two ways to set up an account.

Standard Login: use the 'Create Account' option from the homepage. This uses an email address and password, as well as an MFA verification method, in order to allow access.

DoD CAC Login: use the 'Create DOD CAC Account' option from the homepage. This will link your CAC card to the account you create. CAC login is not required. DoD users may use the standard login.

Note: CAC Accounts do not require an MFA verification method. However, if you choose to login with your registered email address and password, you will be prompted to set up an MFA verification method.

Create Account



Create an Account

Fill out the register form below

SALUTATION

FIRST NAME *

LAST NAME *

PHONE *

ORGANIZATION

EMAIL

PASSWORD

CONFIRM PASSWORD

15 character minimum with at least 1 uppercase, lowercase, number, and special character.

CREATE ACCOUNT

[Already have an Account?](#)

2

Account confirmation

An email will be sent to the registered email address. Click the link provided in the email to confirm your account.

Once logged in, you will be prompted to set up MFA for your account

1

Create Account

Fill out the register form and select 'Create Account'

Create DoD CAC Account



Create an Account

Fill out the register form below

CAC

C=US, O=U.S. Government, OU=DoD, OU=PKI, OU=CONTRACTOR, CN=

SALUTATION

FIRST NAME *

LAST NAME *

PHONE *

ORGANIZATION

(999)999-9999

EMAIL

PASSWORD

CONFIRM PASSWORD

15 character minimum with at least 1 uppercase, lowercase, number, and special character.

CREATE ACCOUNT

Already have an Account?

Create Account

Fill out the register form and select 'Create Account'

1

Confirm your CAC card certificate is displayed

3

Account confirmation

An email will be sent to the registered email address. Click the link provided in the email to confirm your account.

4

Sign in
Select 'Sign-in with PIV/CAC card' when signing into the site

Sign In

EMAIL

PASSWORD

SIGN IN

OR

Sign in with PIV / CAC card

Create An Account

Create A PIV / CAC Account

Need help signing in?

Setup MFA Verification Method

Once you have setup an account, you will be prompted to setup the MFA verification method upon first login. You can select one of the available methods in the table below. How you receive the verification code will depend on the verification method you select.

Verification Method	Verification Code/Notification
Okta Verify	Use a push notification sent to the Okta Verify mobile app
Google Authenticator	Single use code from the Google Authenticator mobile app
SMS Authentication	Single use code sent to your phone via text message

- You may change the verification method after setup
- You may setup more than one verification method. This is a good idea if you have concerns about one method not working, or you change phone number or mobile device.

Login to SEMS Account

Standard Login

Sign In

CAC Login

Enter Email Address

1

EMAIL

Enter Password

2

PASSWORD

SIGN IN

3

SIGN IN

OR

Sign in with PIV / CAC card

Create An Account

Create A PIV / CAC Account

Forgot Password?
Select this link to reset
password

Need help signing in?

1

Select 'Sign-in with PIV/CAC card'

This option does not require an
MFA verification method.

Select Verification Method

One time setup of MFA verification method is required.

- You may change the verification method after setup
- You may setup more than one verification method. This is a good idea if you have concerns about one method not working, or you change phone number or mobile device.



Set up multifactor authentication

Your company requires multifactor authentication to add an additional layer of security when signing in to your Okta account



Okta Verify

Use a push notification sent to the mobile app.

Setup

Setup Okta Verify

1



Google Authenticator

Enter single-use code from the mobile app.

Setup

Setup Google Authenticator

2



SMS Authentication

Enter a single-use code sent to your mobile phone.

Setup

Setup SMS Authentication

3

Okta Verify

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Setup Okta Verify

Select your device type

- ☒ iPhone
☐ Android



Download Okta Verify from the App Store onto your mobile device.

Next

[Back to factor list](#)

Select device type

1

Select 'Next'

2

okta



Setup Okta Verify

Launch Okta Verify application on your mobile device and select Add an account.



Can't scan?

[Back to factor list](#)

1

Scan barcode to register the SEMS site



Set up multifactor authentication

You can configure any additional optional factor or click finish

Enrolled factors



Okta Verify



Additional optional factors



Google Authenticator

Enter single-use code from the mobile app.

Setup



SMS Authentication

Enter a single-use code sent to your mobile phone.

Setup

Finish

Verification of enrolled factor

1



Select 'Setup' for another MFA factor if desired

2



Select 'Finish' to complete the MFA setup process and login to the SEMS site

3



Google Authenticator



Setup Google Authenticator

Select your device type

- ☒ iPhone
☐ Android



Download Google Authenticator from the App Store onto your mobile device.

Next

[Back to factor list](#)

Select device type

1

Select 'Next'

2



Setup Google Authenticator

Launch Google Authenticator, tap the "+" icon, then select "Scan barcode".



Can't scan?

Next

[Back to factor list](#)

1

Scan barcode to register the SEMS site

2

Select 'Next'

Enter code generated by Google Authenticator

1



Select 'Verify'

2



okta



Setup Google Authenticator

Enter code displayed from the application

Enter Code

! This field cannot be left blank

Verify

[Back to factor list](#)



Set up multifactor authentication

You can configure any additional optional factor or click finish

Enrolled factors



Google Authenticator



Additional optional factors



Okta Verify

Use a push notification sent to the mobile app.

Setup



SMS Authentication

Enter a single-use code sent to your mobile phone.

Setup

Finish

Verification of enrolled factor

1

Select 'Setup' for another MFA factor if desired

2

Select 'Finish' to complete the MFA setup process and login to the SEMS site

3

SMS Authentication

Select country. This sets the country code for phone number field below

1



Enter phone number

2



3

Select 'Send Code'

The image shows the Okta SMS authentication interface. At the top is the Okta logo. Below it is a circular icon with a blue speech bubble containing the text 'SMS'. The main heading is 'Receive a code via SMS to authenticate'. Below this is a dropdown menu currently showing 'United States'. Underneath is the 'Phone number' section, which includes a small grey box with '+1', a text input field, and a blue 'Send code' button. At the bottom is a link that says 'Back to factor list'.



Receive a code via SMS to authenticate

United States ▼

Phone number

+1

[Redacted phone number]

Sent

Enter Code

Verify

[Back to factor list](#)

1

Enter code that was sent to your phone

2

Select 'Verify'



Set up multifactor authentication

You can configure any additional optional factor or click finish

Enrolled factors



SMS Authentication



Additional optional factors



Okta Verify

Use a push notification sent to the mobile app.

Setup



Google Authenticator

Enter single-use code from the mobile app.

Setup

Finish

Verification of enrolled factor

1

Select 'Setup' for another MFA factor if desired

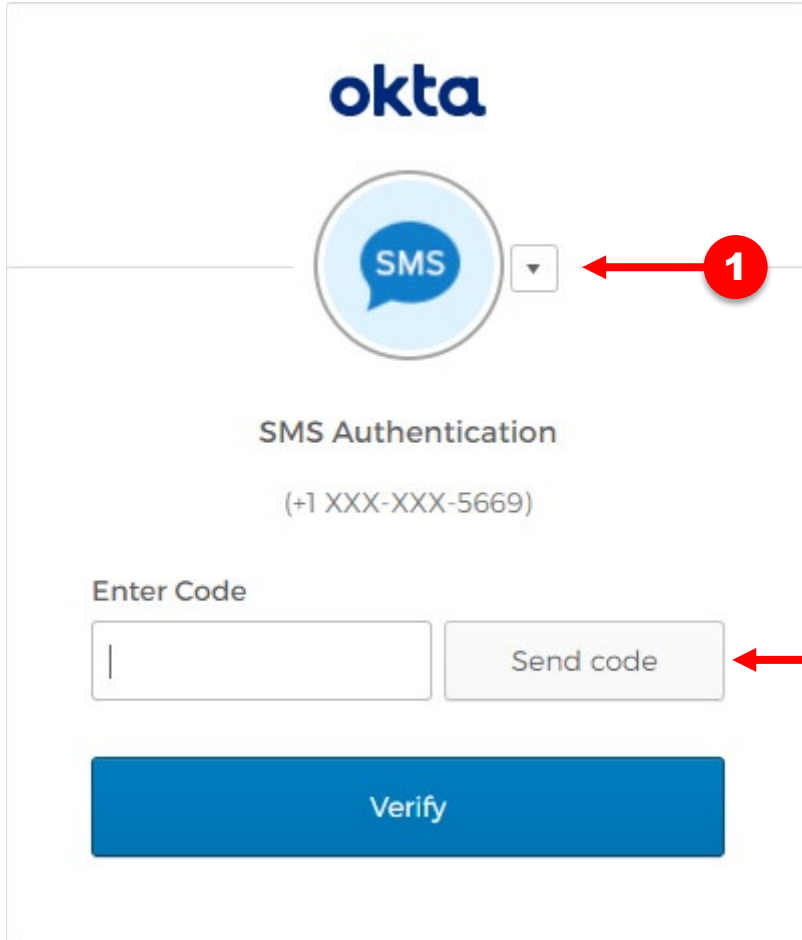
2

Select 'Finish' to complete the MFA setup process and login to the SEMS site

3

After MFA Setup

The next time you log into SEMS, after you enter your email address and password, you will be prompted to enter the code received by the verification method that you have setup for your account. If you have multiple MFA factors setup, one will be presented as the default. You can choose which MFA factor to use (see below).



The image shows the Okta SMS Authentication interface. At the top is the Okta logo. Below it is a circular icon with a blue speech bubble containing the text 'SMS'. To the right of this icon is a small square drop-down menu. A red arrow points from a red circle containing the number '1' to this drop-down menu. Below the icon and menu, the text 'SMS Authentication' is displayed, followed by a phone number '(+1 XXX-XXX-5669)'. Below this is a section titled 'Enter Code' which contains a text input field with a vertical cursor and a 'Send code' button. A red arrow points from a red box containing a note to the 'Send code' button. At the bottom of the interface is a large blue button labeled 'Verify'.

okta

SMS

1

SMS Authentication

(+1 XXX-XXX-5669)

Enter Code

Send code

Verify

If multiple MFA factors are setup; one will be presented as the default. You can choose which factor to use from the drop-down list.

NOTE: For SMS Authentication, a code is not automatically sent. You must click the 'Send Code' button to send a code to your mobile device.

Managing MFA Verification Method

Proposal Management

View your proposals

- PROPOSALS
- EVENTS

Manage Proposals

You have no proposals.

1

Manage MFA

Select this to manage your MFA verification method(s)

Click a solicitation to view its statements of need or topic areas.
Use the drop-down to display only those opportunities applicable to your Organization Type.

All Organization Types

▼



There are no active SERDP solicitations.



There are no active ESTCP solicitations.

SEMS

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Session Expires at

SETTINGS

SIGN OUT

Manage Proposals

Need Guidance?

View user guides & help topics.

Account Settings

Manage MFA

Okta Verify: Enrolled

Authenticator App: Unenrolled

SMS Authentication: Enrolled

RESET ALL FACTORS

Reset All MFA factors?

Factor Type: **All Factors**

Once reset, you will be prompted to enroll in MFA on your next sign in.

CANCEL

RESET

1

Reset All Factors

Select to reset all MFA factors that have been enrolled for your account. You will be prompted to confirm this action.

2

Reset

Select to confirm that all MFA factors for your account will be reset