

What Is EDI ?

Electronic Data Interchange

EDI is the electronic exchange of business information using a standardized format. In other words, EDI is a process which allows one company to send information to another company electronically rather than with paper. Purchase orders (850) and invoices (810) are common types of EDI transactions for suppliers of CCBCC.

The EDI process involves 2 major components, data translation and communication. A business document is translated/mapped into an EDI structure. That structure is then communicated electronically to the intended recipient referred to as the partner.

What is an EDI Partner

An EDI Partner is a business partner who has agreed to exchange business documents electronically. This partnership is a cooperative relationship between 2 or more organizations that agree to electronically exchange information by adhering to EDI standards.

EDI Communication Methods

Business documents are translated into a standard EDI format agreed upon with our Partners. This data is then communicated to the receiver via a communication method. There are different ways to communicate or transmit EDI documents. Methods of communication are direct communication with the trading partner or indirect communication. Direct communication is accomplished by exchanging EDI documents directly with the trading partner. Indirect communication is accomplished by exchanging EDI documents via a third party entity. The indirect method of communication costs both parties a subscription fee.

Before trading EDI documents a method of communication must be agreed upon between CCBCC and the Trading Partner. Communication methods approved by CCBCC for transmitting EDI documents are AS2, Secure FTP, VPN and VAN.