

SD-WAN and multi-site network checklist

If you connect several locations, SD-WAN can improve reliability and sometimes lower cost. These answers show whether it fits and what it must support.

01 How many locations do you connect, and how does each connect today?

Broadband, fiber, MPLS, wireless or LTE.

02 What is prompting the change?

Outages, cost, slow cloud apps, a new site or an expiring contract.

03 Which applications are mission-critical?

Phones, video, ERP, point of sale, file sharing or a line-of-business system.

04 Which cloud services do you rely on?

Microsoft 365, AWS, Azure, Google, Salesforce or others.

05 What firewalls are in place, and who manages them?

In-house staff, an IT provider or nobody in particular.

06 Are you already looking at specific products?

For example Meraki, Fortinet, Palo Alto, Versa or VeloCloud.

07 When do your current network contracts end?

Carrier and equipment contracts can have different dates.

Rough answers are fine, and "not sure" is a useful answer. Please don't send account numbers, passwords or full bills; if we need to look at a contract, we'll arrange a safe way to share it.