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# Federal Network Visibility in a Modernized World

Federal IT leaders are striving to modernize their network infrastructure to ensure the best possible security, connectivity and functionality for their agencies and employees. The Coronavirus pandemic of 2020 accelerated these efforts as IT teams pivoted to support the federal government's push to mass telework.

This rapid adoption of cloud-based services and solutions and an explosion of new endpoints drove an even greater need for network visibility and agencies have made great strides in this area. Respondents in a study of 200 federal government IT decision makers and influencers that was commissioned by Riverbed, expressed the importance of network visibility in managing and securing their agencies' increasingly complex and hybrid networks.

**More than nine in ten** describe their agency's current network visibility as good or excellent. This is a positive outcome overall, but the term "good" suggests there's room for improvement.



### **Network Visibility Aids in Cloud Transition**

**IT leaders see** the value of network visibility as their agencies transition to the cloud and as-a-service applications.



see their networks as moderately to highly complex view increasing network complexity without visibility as the greatest challenge when managing networks are still in the planning stage/not yet considering these transitions



**33%** say their agency is ready to transition networks and apps to the cloud 87% see network visibility as an enabler of cloud infrastructure

#### Network Visibility is the Foundation to Cybersecurity

**IT leaders are prioritizing** cybersecurity and recognize network visibility can improve their security posture.



agree that greater visibility facilitates greater network security



see network visibility as valuable in assuring secure infrastructure



Cybersecurity is #1 priority that can be improved through better network visibility

#### Most important feature of a network visibility solution:



#### **Today's Growing Telework Environment**

**Teleworking has spurred faster deployment** of network visibility and it is here to stay.



**90%** of federal employees are currently teleworking\*\*



**86%** plan to telework at least part-time after the pandemic



**81%** say increasing telework accelerated agency's use

and deployment of network visibility solutions

\*\* "The Continued Effects of COVID-19 on the Federal Contracting Industry and Your Customer," Market Connections, July 2020.