

Colocation Checklist

Not all data centers are created equal. They vary in performance, reliability, control and security standards. Know what to look for in a colocation provider with this comprehensive checklist.





Data Center Feature *applies to certain OneNeck data centers	OneNeck	DC 1	DC 2	Notes
Colocation Provider - General Information				
Reputable customer references	\checkmark			
Owns/operates multiple data centers	\checkmark			
Offers geographic diversity/redundancy	\checkmark			
Core competency - designs, engineers and delivers IT infrastructure	\checkmark			
Situated above 500 year flood plain (FEMA HMP)	\checkmark			
Comprehensive service portfolio- enterprise-class cloud services, managed services, colocation, ERP application management, hardware and software, advanced services and hybrid solutions.	~			
Best-of-breed technologies and equipment	\checkmark			
Documented current business continuity, DR and emergency preparedness plans	~			
Multi-layered approach to data center security	\checkmark			
Space now, room for growth	\checkmark			
Power System				
100% Fully redundant power system	\checkmark			
No EPO buttons	\checkmark			
2N Electrical power to all critical loads	\checkmark			
Fault tolerant power	\checkmark			
Compartmentalized power	\checkmark			
Multiple fuel sources with gravity fed refueling if needed	\checkmark			
Branch circuit by branch circuit monitoring of amperage and power	\checkmark			
Metered or bundled energy billing options	\checkmark			
Concurrently maintainable uninterruptible design	\checkmark			
Accredited electrician on staff	\checkmark			

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Cooling				
350 watts per sq foot average (not max)	\checkmark			
2N+1 cooling systems located outside of data rooms	\checkmark			
All aisles are cold aisles (no hot aisles)	\checkmark			
Free cooling for energy reduction	\checkmark			
Variable frequency drive fans and fluid pumps	\checkmark			
Compliance/Audits/Certifications				
SSAE 18 Certified	\checkmark			
PCI DSS HITECH Certified	\checkmark			
SOCI, SOCII Certified	\checkmark			
HIPAA Certified	\checkmark			
Physical Security				
Security Access Registration (SAR) process	\checkmark			
Multiform ifactor authentication system (Proximity card, PIN and biometric)	\checkmark			
Locking cabinets, cages and suites	\checkmark			
24/365 Security technicians /guards	\checkmark			
Video camera surveillance- 180 day retention	\checkmark			
Energy Efficiency				
Motion-activated lighting	\checkmark			
Hot/cold aisle containment design	\checkmark			
Variable frequency drive centrifugal pumps	\checkmark			
Multi-Stage high SEER Liebert semi-hermetic compressors	\checkmark			
Multi-Stage high SEER Liebert CRAC	\checkmark			
Multi-Stage high SEER Liebert Dry-Coolers	\checkmark			

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Physical Structure				
All structural concrete including roof and floors	\checkmark			
No water or A/C units in data room suites	\checkmark			
Environmental Controls				
Multi-point bonded grounding system	 ✓ 			
UL / LPI Certified perimeter lightning protection system	 ✓ 			
Discreet PLC/BMS automation	 ✓ 			
Redundant controllers	\checkmark			
Fire detection/prevention/VESDA	\checkmark			
Interlocked, multi-zone, sure-fire pre-action dry pipe	\checkmark			
ANSUL Inergen Green gas fire suppression System	\checkmark			
Leak detection	\checkmark			
Connectivity				
Multiple built-in fiber and copper transport providers	\checkmark			
Carrier-Neutral	\checkmark			
Enterprise-grade blended Internet bandwidth w/multiple connections (Mini10 GB)	 ✓ 			
Multiple private connections (minimum 10 GB) to other data centers	 ✓ 			
Dark fiber available	\checkmark			
Customer Amenities				
Dedicated Customer War Room	 ✓ 			
Staging Area	\checkmark			
Wi-Fi	 ✓ 			
Lounge/Kitchen	\checkmark			
Disaster recovery planning assistance	\checkmark			

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Support Services				
Smart hands available 24/365	✓			
Managed installation (rack and stack)	✓			
Cable management	✓			
NOC 24/365	✓			
Power Cycling	✓			
SSAE 16 Certified	✓			
Software Engineering Consultation	✓			
Systems Engineering Consultation	✓			
Network Engineering Consultation	✓			



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