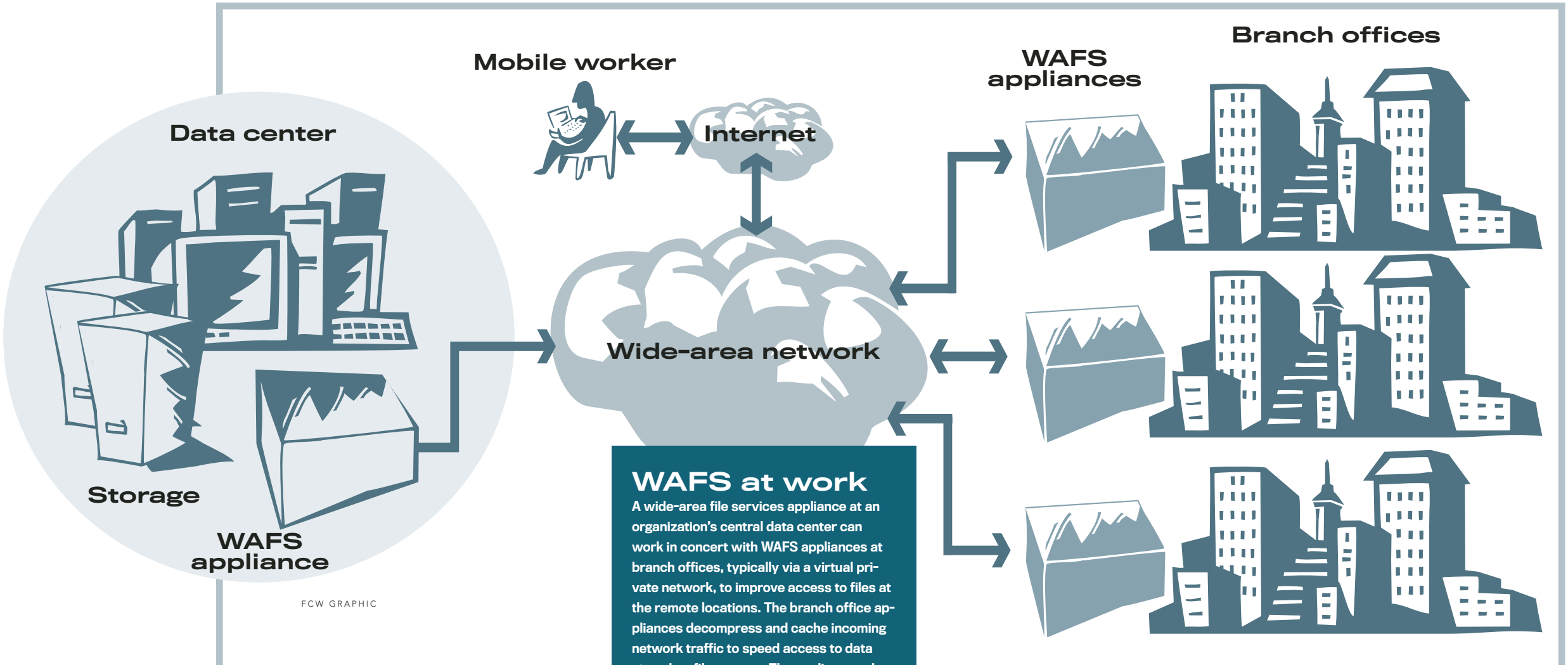

WAFS at work

A wide-area file services appliance at an organization's central data center can work in concert with WAFS appliances at branch offices, typically via a virtual private network, to improve access to files at the remote locations. The branch office appliances decompress and cache incoming network traffic to speed access to data stored on file servers. The appliances also compress outbound traffic to the central data center.