## Adaptability

"I guess we're not in Kansas any more, Toto!"

Dorothy, Wizard of Oz

No. She wasn't. And Dorothy had to adapt, react, take initiative and perform outside her comfort zone.

Because change happens to all of us.

Program and user needs change. Context changes. Budgets change. Competition changes. Technology changes - constantly.

"Technological change is like an axe in the hands of a pathological criminal."

Albert Einstein

In recognition of profound changes in vocational training and workforce development funding, the design of the new Training Center for VGS provided a simple steel frame with inexpensive drywall construction on a four-foot module, making changes simple, quick and cost-effective.

In two years, one of two 40-person computer taining labs has been converted inexpensively to a food service production lab to respond to market demand for these specialized training services.

Acoustical folding wall assemblies in selected areas allow class sizes to modulate with economic and program trends. Movable furniture and equipment and a power/ telephopne/data grid facilitate easy reconfigurations to accommodate curriculum changes and technology migration.

"Bill Eberhard designed a building that met our needs, yet had the flexibility of design that enabled us to adapt to our changing business. The building we came out of was a "bomb shelter", so we were particularly sensitive to this. It is sometimes difficult to design a building that covers today's requirements, and yet can give us the options that Bill's design eventually did."

Mark Hauserman, Chairman of the Board Vocational Guidance Services

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