

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR CLIENTS AND FRIENDS

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### WELCOME TO OUR SECOND NEWSLETTER

The topic of this newsletter is *Additions and Remodelings*. We will focus on some of the key concerns and factors regarding these types of projects.

### OUR GOAL

- to provide our clients with creative, functional and cost-effective solutions in a manner that meets the particular needs for each project -



ADDITIONS & REMODELINGS

**More and more,** owners are looking to reuse existing buildings through remodeling and expansion by additions. Key concerns include:

- ▲ What items should an Owner obtain regarding the existing building when initially meeting with the Architect or Design Team?
  - □ The existing building plans
  - □ *Existing site information.*

□ Any hazardous materials study regarding the existing building or site to identify things such as asbestos

□ Any specification information regarding specific existing building materials (such as hardware).

▲ What is an important concern with the construction schedule process?

□ Additions and remodelings are done when the owner occupies the existing building. Therefore, it is very crucial early in the planning stages to develop a phasing and sequencing of construction plan so it can minimize any disruption of the owner's operation during the construction process.

## ▲ How will the new building codes affect the planning process?

□ The new codes will impact the planning process. For example, when the rest rooms are updated, they need to be designed for accessibility

□ The existing building could also be affected by building code requirements of life safety pending final building code analysis.

#### ▲ Remodel vs. New Construction?

□ It has been our experience that remodeling projects tend to be more complex in the design technology sense, i.e. analyzing existing conditions with building and fire codes.

□ Our approach using comprehensive project development has proven to work equally effective in remodeling or new construction. As a matter of fact, we are expert in the field of space analysis studies.



At JEA ARCHITECTS, we are expert in addition and remodeling projects. We have worked almost exclusively with this type of project for the past 14 years and have found that one of the most crucial aspects from a design team sense is to make sure that <u>experienced</u> personnel are working on the project from start to finish. That is the type of experience and service you will receive with our firm.

We hope this information has been of value to you and we welcome any questions you may have about the additions and remodeling building process!

# COMPLETED PROJECTS





KinderCare Learning Center Plymouth, Minnesota

Hennepin County Government Center Central Services Remodeling, Mpls, MN

At JEA ARCHITECTS, we work on <u>your</u> behalf to increase <u>project quality and</u> <u>value</u> by eliminating unnecessary costs while solving your building needs.



