



**Awards**

*AIA Nevada, Citation Award, Unbuilt Category, 2004*

**Department of Employment  
Training & Rehabilitation Office Building**

This two-story, 60,000sf office building for the State of Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation, is designed to bring together several departments that are scattered throughout Las Vegas in various facilities and provide for anticipated future growth. The facility features private and open office landscape environments for administrative offices, a central computer center, an employee food service area, and a records storage warehouse.

In addition to the detailed performance requirements of the owner, the building is designed to meet LEED Silver Certification. Strategies include natural day-lighting throughout, drought tolerant landscaping and water harvesting, and energy conservation through the innovative use of underfloor HVAC supply. The building is sited to capitalize on the magnificent views to the east and takes advantage of the slope of the site providing entry for the public on a secure lower level and separate entry for the staff on the upper level.

Located in an established, older neighborhood, other State of Nevada facilities adjoin the site as well as a public school and residences. The DETR site development will provide various desert demonstration gardens with walking paths open to the DETR employees, surrounding residents, and fellow State employees to become a connection between the State, its neighbors, and the community.

The floor plans, site design, and overall building form for this project were generated by an adherence to sustainable design strategies. Even with these strict parameters, the exterior design provides a welcoming, aesthetically pleasing, strong public image for this important public service. The building looks like it belongs in the Nevada desert.

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**Location:** Las Vegas, NV

**Cost:** \$13.5 million

**Size:** 60,000sf

**Completion:** April 2006

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