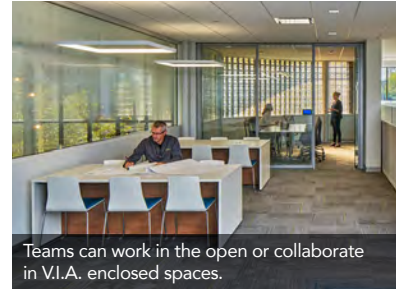


## harder working spaces



V.I.A. glass front enclaves provides a place to take a private phone call or have a two-person meeting adjacent to the open workspace.



Teams can work in the open or collaborate in V.I.A. enclosed spaces.



V.I.A.'s strong acoustics ensure meetings don't disrupt the surrounding workspace.

### specs

Corporate  
Dearborn, MI  
20,000 sq/ft  
1 Floor

### solutions provided

Architectural products  
Furniture  
Audiovisual

### strategic partners

Ghafari  
Steelcase

### featured products

V.I.A. Walls by Steelcase  
RoomWizard by Steelcase  
SW\_1 Seating by Coalesse  
Montara650 Seating by Coalesse  
Campfire Big Table by Turnstone  
Lagunitas Personal Table by Coalesse  
Slide Conference Table by Nevins

## Ghafari Associates

### A Wall System That Opens Up Possibilities

In business, collaboration is everything, but creating the right balance between openness and privacy can be a challenge. When Ghafari Associates needed to renovate their second-floor offices to create more private meeting spaces, they didn't have to look far for an innovative and customized solution. Ghafari turned to veteran partner NBS for a unique product available through NBS's relationship with Steelcase: Vertical Intelligent Architecture, or V.I.A.

A priority for Ghafari was to maintain the light feel and the overall open concept in their offices while creating private spaces. Though Ghafari wanted the look of glass, they were aware of the acoustic issues that can be problematic with that material. As a full-service firm with capabilities in architecture, engineering, and construction, Ghafari was inspired by the unique sound blocking properties of V.I.A. and sought the expertise and consultation of NBS Construction Solutions on the product.

NBS guided Ghafari on the cost, timing and installation details of the project. Even though V.I.A. is a robust product that provides a sense of permanence, it is, in fact, a demountable wall system that can be relocated or reconfigured as business needs change. This made for a clean, quick install process. V.I.A. offers superior fit and finish with panel options ranging from glass, steel, fabric, veneer, and whiteboards, to integrating technology and lighting. Another substantial benefit that Ghafari took advantage of—V.I.A. incorporates the wiring needs for integrated RoomWizard, the smart room scheduling management system by Steelcase.

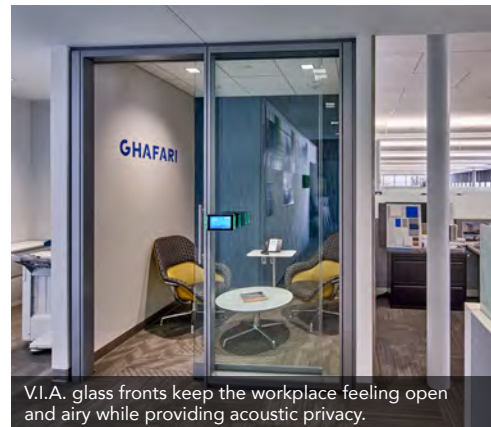


A meeting corridor is lined with V.I.A. glass front rooms ranging in size to accommodate small to large groups. RoomWizard scheduling systems show green or red signaling when the rooms are available or booked. All wiring and data for the system is integrated into the V.I.A. panels.

In addition to developing private meeting spaces with the V.I.A. system, NBS also worked on the look and functionality of the greater second-floor area. Some areas that were drywalled received V.I.A. glass fronts or glass doors to create consistency in the experience of the space. In the conference rooms, Nevins Slide tables were chosen for a clean look that incorporated a central power source into the table.

A year after installation, Ghafari couldn't be happier with the results. *"The V.I.A. system managed to answer all of our acoustic needs and is one of the most talked about items in our office. And that's because it works!"* said Brittnee Shaw, interior designer for the project with Ghafari Associates. *"You can host a private meeting that is truly private, or take a phone call in the phone booths without concern that those around you will hear every detail."*

To learn more about this full-service global firm, visit <https://www.ghafari.com/>.



V.I.A. glass fronts keep the workplace feeling open and airy while providing acoustic privacy.