

### Summary

To determine what Vocational Education should be in the future in Florida it is necessary to ascertain what it is currently and to relate its current state of the art to the current status of Vocational Education nationally. Currently, Vocational Education has a dual function, one being social and the other being economic or job preparation. A significant percentage of the students enrolled in Vocational Education are in programs or courses other than job preparatory programs or courses. The program in Florida is viable and successful. There is a steady increase in successful cooperative endeavors between business and industry and the schools.

The future indicates that Florida will continue along its already carefully developed plans for Vocational Education with increased emphasis, including professional and legislative attention to the following:

- (1) A better understanding of the implications of high technology and knowledge industries for the labor market and Vocational Education;
- (2) A careful modification of the current organizational structure for delivering vocational education service to accommodate the increased emphasis upon business-industry-school cooperation; and
- (3) An emphasis upon the part that philosophic beliefs play in decision making, especially concerning the issues to be resolved in the immediate future.