The expandable element is a rigid panel unit with a total inside floor area of 206 square feet and a uniform ceiling height throughout of 7 feet, 3 inches. The building is supported by a central skid base with demountable outrigger extensions. Exterior dimensions are 12 feet by 18 feet. When folded for transportation, the element is a rigid box 12 feet long, 7 feet wide, and 8 feet high. Specified equipment and supplies can be packed in each unit. The element is fabricated from aluminum-faced, styrofoam, honeycomb panels. The panels are linked together in the structure by hinges and latches. Seals are provided to make all joints weatherproof. Electrical power, hot and cold water, waste water removal, air conditioning service connections and telephone jacks are typical of services provided in each element.