



# Our Region<sup>®</sup>

*Our Region* introduces the relationship between the natural, human, and capital resources found in different regions, and explores regional businesses that produce goods and services for consumers.

Following participation in the program, students will be able to:

- Define region, resource, business, and entrepreneur.
- Recognize economic interdependence in a region and among different regions.
- Solve simple business problems.
- Practice decision-making to demonstrate wise use of resources.

## Session Titles and Summaries

### **Session One: What Are Regions and Resources?**

Students distinguish economic regions in the United States. They examine natural, human, and capital resources available in different regions. They learn that businesses need resources to produce and sell a product.

### **Session Two: Exploring Resources**

Students examine regions of resources in the United States. They identify resources businesses use to make products. They learn about the importance of location to a business.

### **Session Three: Resources on the Move**

Students recognize that businesses find resources throughout different regions. They discover ways businesses must work together to create a product.

### **Session Four: Where's the Money?**

Students identify how resources relate to business income and expenses. They complete calculations to demonstrate how a business determines its profit or loss. Students learn a five-step, decision-making process to solve simple business problems.

### **Session Five: The Bottom Line**

Students play a game that illustrates the flow of money in and out of a business. They calculate profits and losses and learn the importance of loans. Students search a region for the resources they need to make a product.

