Learning Targets: You will learn about various types of offices and office workers. You will gain an understanding of typical goals and structures of businesses. You will be able to work as a team and meet project deadlines.

1.1 Demonstrate knowledge of the history of business; 8.8 Assess impact of technology on the workplace

## **Questions**

- 1. Why is it valuable for a worker to understand the business of the organization in which he or she is employed?
- 2. In what ways can workers learn about the organizations in which they are employed?
- 3. What are common forms of businesses?
- 4. How does a corporation, in general, differ from a single proprietorship or a partnership?
- 5. What do not-for-profit entities provide?
- 6. What kinds of services do governmental units provide?
- 7. How does an organization chart aid in understanding a company?

## **Organization Charts**

An organization chart is often used to visually show the structure of an organization. Prepare an organizational chart showing the management team for the **World Wide Sales and Service Division** of a multinational company. Refer to figure 1-2.7 on page 23 for a sample.

- 1. Begin with the company name, **GLOBAL MANUFACTURING**, followed by the division name, centered at the top as the chart title.
- 2. Place **Thomas McEwen**'s name and title, **CEO**, in the top block of the chart.
- 3. Insert a block for **Paul B. Kalis, Sr. Vice President**, who is head of the division and reports to Thomas McEwen.
- 4. Insert blocks for the following vice presidents who report to Paul B. Kalis:
  - a. Marco Ortiz, Vice President, Latin America
  - b. Akira Komuro, Vice President, Asia, Pacific
  - c. Rachel J. Kohnstamm, Vice President, Europe, Middle East, Africa
- 5. Insert a block for **James E. Phelps, Assistant Vice President, Europe**, who reports to Rachel J. Kohnstamm.
- 6. Insert blocks for **Jean L. Lucent, Manager, France**, and **Howard A. Toole, Manager, Denmark**, who both report to James E. Phelps.

## **Team Activities**

Pages 26-27: Interacting with Others

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Special directions: for step 4 of this activity also incorporate the following information:

- What is the primary product or service of the business or organization?
- What percentage of the employees work in offices a this location?
- How many workers telecommute? If there are workers who telecommute, how many of them are considered office workers?
- What technology is being used in preparing letters and memorandums? for telecommunications? for records management? In general, determine if the technology in use is state-of-the-art, somewhat up-to-date, or primarily a non-computerized type.