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## NEWS

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### **RochesterWorks! Downtown Career Center Wins Best in NY State Award**

***The International Association of Workforce Professionals Presented the Award at  
National Conference in Louisville***

*Rochester, NY --July 13, 2006--*The International Association of Workforce Professionals (IAWP) has chosen the RochesterWorks! Downtown Career Center as winner of its Best Statewide One Stop Award and a co-winner of its Best National One stop Award.

The RochesterWorks! Career Center was honored at the annual IAWP State Educational Conference, held in Syracuse, NY on May 20 and the International Conference held in Louisville, Kentucky June 20.

Connie Felder, Deputy Director of RochesterWorks! accepted the award on behalf of the RochesterWorks! Career Center located at 255 N. Goodman St. During the past two years, Felder has led an extensive plan of program enhancement and reorganization revolving directly around the customer.

Improvements have included the addition of many new workshops, streamlined processes for customers, more personalized service, programs for professionals, new services for laid-off employees, stronger ties with businesses and staffing firms to uncover job opportunities, expansion of job fairs, recruiting events and targeted youth-oriented services and more.

"The Career Center staff has produced impressive results in connecting thousands of jobseekers with good jobs," said Matthew Hurlbutt, Executive Director of RochesterWorks! "The community has definitely benefited from their hard work. The team is highly goal-oriented, has established excellent relationships with area employers and has a positive optimistic outlook that really makes a difference in helping job seekers find the best opportunities."

*IAWP has been the professional association for Workforce Professionals since 1913 and has provided education and training through chapter and international educational*

*conferences, scholarships, grants, and the Workforce Professional Development Program (WPDP) training. IAWP, with the help of a Washington D.C. liaison, also keeps members informed of legislation affecting the workforce professionals, while striving to uphold worldwide ethical standards.*

*RochesterWorks! is dedicated to helping Monroe County develop a strong workforce. RochesterWorks! helps job seekers find jobs, move to higher paying jobs or get training to improve skills. RochesterWorks! assists businesses with recruitment, assessment, placement and training, and connects them to all federally funded employment and training programs in Monroe County. RochesterWorks! has helped attract millions of dollars in funding to support Monroe County companies and organizations. Services are free of charge and are available at 255 North Goodman Street and 276 Waring Road in Rochester.*

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*RochesterWorks! is part of the Workforce New York network.*