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## **Preparing Youth for the Future!** **Educators, Youth and the Community are Invited to Attend a Special Forum November 7** **Presented by RochesterWorks! & Greece Central School District**

Rochester, NY—October 18, 2007—RochesterWorks! and Greece Central School District will present ***Preparing Youth for the Future***, a forum for educators, youth and the community on November 7 from 7-9 p.m. at the Athena Performing Arts Center.

The interactive forum will present perspectives of area business leaders on needs and opportunities in high growth industries including the:

- Critical skills and competencies required to compete for future jobs.
- Importance of foundation skills for success in today's workplace (reading, writing, interpersonal skills, teamwork, initiative and willingness to learn) and the need to embed in curriculum and reinforce in the home.
- Need to increase youth interest and participation in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) coursework and careers.

The purpose of the forum says Connie Felder, Deputy Director of RochesterWorks, is "to increase awareness for the kinds of skills employers need for key growth industries, encourage youth to get those skills through education and ultimately to create a talent pipeline that drives economic growth in our region."

Business leaders representing key industries in the region including health care, biotechnology and life sciences, advanced manufacturing, photonics and optics, engineering, telecommunications and information technology will speak to the skill demands and opportunities in their industries and take questions following the presentations.

### **The Speakers are:**

Robert Donahue – Vice President Corporate Services, Unity Health Systems

Sergio Esteban – President & CEO, LaBella Associates, PC)

Michael R. Nuccitelli – President & CEO, Parlec, Inc.

Michael J. Pavia – President, Sydor Instruments

Jay Baker – Chief Financial Officer, iCardiac Technologies  
Jody Stolt – National Recruitment Manager, PAETEC

Matthew Hurlbutt, Executive Director of RochesterWorks, will summarize the results of recent economic development analyses regarding key industry competencies and the projected need for specific workforce skills.

**How to Attend & More Information**

The Athena Performing Arts Center is located at 900 Long Pond Road. There is no charge for admission. Please RSVP by contacting the GCSD Office of Professional Development at 966.2945 or 966.2441 or email [Patrice.LaPlaca@greece.k12.ny.us](mailto:Patrice.LaPlaca@greece.k12.ny.us).

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***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 to support workforce development for Monroe County companies and organizations.*

*Services are available at two convenient full service Career Centers at 255 North Goodman Street and 276 Waring Road in Rochester. Training services are available at our satellite center at the Center for Workforce Development at 3545 Buffalo Road. Services are free of charge. More information about RochesterWorks can be found at [www.rochesterworks.org](http://www.rochesterworks.org).*

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