



www.rochesterworks.org

NEWS

Media Contact:

Jean Dalmath
585.586.6650 (direct)
585.755.6911 (cell)
jdalmath@dalmath.com

City of Rochester and RochesterWorks! Joining Together in First-Ever Partnership to Help 1000 Youth Find Summer Jobs *Up to \$1 million to Fund Jobs Programs* *Applications for Programs Now Being Accepted*

Rochester, NY—February 15, 2008 -- RochesterWorks! and the City of Rochester announced today that they will join together in a first-ever partnership that will put \$1 million toward helping about 1000 in-school youth between the ages of 14-20 get summer jobs.

In the collaborative effort, the City's Summer of Opportunity Program and RochesterWorks! Summer Employment Program have issued a joint Request for Proposal for summer youth employment programs seeking proposals from area organizations for summer employment programs that can begin July 7 through August 15, 2008.

John Premo, Youth System Manager for RochesterWorks!, said "The partnership will allow us to streamline the recruitment process for youth interested in participating in summer employment programs and for businesses providing job opportunities."

"Our goal," added Premo, "is for the jobs programs selected to help youth enhance basic educational skills, encourage them to complete high school and pursue further education, expose them to work, and reinforce the relationship between what is learned in school and what is required on the job."

To Apply for Program Funding

The Request for Proposal, forms and instructions are available online at www.rochesterworks.org and www.cityofrochester.gov. Proposals are due March 11, 2008. Notification of awards will be made June 1, 2008. Technical assistance and questions should be directed in writing to John Premo, Youth System Manager, RochesterWorks, Inc., at jpremo@rochesterworks.org or by fax at (585)232-6033.

Proposals will be entertained from for-profit, not-for-profit, and faith-based organizations

Funding for the summer employment programs comes from the City of Rochester, New York State Department of Labor, and the Monroe County Department of Human Services - Office of Temporary Disabilities Administration.

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 available at two convenient full service Career Centers at 255 North Goodman Street and 276 Waring Road in Rochester. Services are free of charge.

About the City of Rochester's Summer of Opportunity Program

The City of Rochester's Summer Of Opportunity Program is strategically aligned with the City priority areas of Public Safety, Economic Development, and Education, and the program goals and objectives are consistent with the One City Rochester Values and Guiding Principles, which can be viewed by visiting the city's website at www.cityofrochester.gov.

###