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RochesterWorks! & City of Rochester to Collaborate to Provide Employment Opportunities for 600 Youth this Summer \$600,000 in Funding is Available to Support Job Programs – Proposals Sought Now

*Rochester, NY—March 25, 2010—*RochesterWorks! (www.rochesterworks.org) and the City of Rochester (www.cityofrochester.gov) will once again collaborate to provide job opportunities for 600 area youth this summer.

About \$600,000 – \$300,000 each from the City and RochesterWorks! – is expected to be available to support this year’s summer employment program. Proposals are now being sought from for-profit, not-for-profit, and faith-based organizations. Funding will come from the City of Rochester and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Proposals are due by April 6. Organizations selected for funding will be notified around June 1, 2010.

Applications are also being accepted now through April 9 from youth who are interested in applying for summer jobs. Jobs will be available from July 12 through August 27 at area recreation centers, community-based organizations, colleges and companies.

“Programs such as this are critical to Rochester’s revitalization,” Mayor Bob Duffy said. “It’s vital that we provide our young people with promising employment

opportunities that help lay the foundation for their future – which is why our Summer of Opportunity Program partnered with RochesterWorks!.”

This is the third year for the partnership between RochesterWorks for Youth! Summer Employment Program and the City of Rochester Summer of Opportunity Program. The collaboration has helped streamline processes and save money.

John Premo, Youth System Manager for RochesterWorks!, says, “The program will serve in-school youth between the ages of 14-20 with priority going to 14-15 year olds, and 16-20 year olds with obstacles to employment.”

The program seeks to:

- Support youth in maintaining and enhancing their basic educational skills
- Encourage youth to complete high school and pursue further education
- Expose youth to demand careers, employers, and the world of work
- Reinforce the relationship between what is learned in an academic setting and the skills that are acquired on the job
- Focus youth on contributing to the community in positive ways.

More Information

Applications for summer employment and the request for proposals for employment programs may be found at www.cityofrochester.gov and www.rochesterworks.org or contact John Premo, Youth System Manager for RochesterWorks! at jpremo@rochesterworks.org.

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.

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