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## MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ADAM BELLO ANNOUNCES JOB PORTAL FOR ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES AND JOB SEEKERS

**Rochester, N.Y.** - Monroe County Executive Adam Bello this morning announced a job portal that will connect essential businesses who are looking to expand their workforce during the COVID-19 crisis and individuals across the community who are healthy and looking for work.

While the local economic impact of COVID-19 is already visible, Bello announced a concerted effort to direct both employers looking to hire workers and residents seeking work to a single platform. Job seekers and employers are encouraged to use the RochesterWorks system, which may be accessed at <a href="https://www.monroecounty.gov/works">www.monroecounty.gov/works</a>. This effort is being done with the cooperation of the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce and Greater Rochester Enterprise, both of whom have indicated they have member businesses looking to hire.

"During a time when we're asking the vast majority of our residents to stay home and stop the spread of the virus, certain essential businesses must ramp up their operations to meet the needs of our community," said Bello. "This centralized resource through RochesterWorks will serve to connect those businesses with our healthy workforce. Just as we centralize emergency response efforts in our county, I am asking we do the same regarding our labor supply and demand during this emergency."

"RochesterWorks is proud to work with our primary partner, the County of Monroe and the County Executive, to provide our local employers the opportunity to post very efficiently their current employment openings, especially those in response to COVID 19," said Executive Director of Rochester Works, Peter Pecor.

"We have a local talent pool ready and able to fill those positions identified and connected through our online tools"

Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Bob Duffy said, "This public health crisis has impacted business in immeasurable ways. Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce is working to support business and keep people employed to the greatest extent possible while also heeding the guidance of our federal, state, and local leaders. Rochester Chamber plans to assist Monroe County in any way it can to connect businesses that need workers with job seekers who are healthy and ready to work. I applaud County Executive Bello's leadership as he helps guide our community through this uncertain time."

Matt Hurlbutt, President and CEO of Greater Rochester Enterprise added, "We look forward to working with Monroe County and other partners on this initiative as supporting local business growth is part of the GRE mission and many of the businesses we work with are seeking talent to support critical services and products to customers across the country."

Both businesses and job seekers should visit <u>www.monroecounty.gov/works</u> to post and explore job opportunities. Residents with limited internet access are encouraged to call RochesterWorks at (585) 258-3500.

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