



### **Career Navigator program helps job seekers find employment, faster**

After only ten months of operation, the Career Navigator program offered by RochesterWorks! has established itself as one of the leading programs available to assist unemployed workers in Rochester and Monroe County.

RochesterWorks! began offering the Career Navigator program for skilled, professional-level job seekers in August 2009 and over 690 people have completed the Career Navigator program since its launch. Over 86% of Career Navigator participants have a college degree, their average age is 51, and their average salary was \$52,953. In exit surveys 96% of participants rated the overall content and quality of the program as “Very Good” to “Excellent.”

In addition to the program quality, the Career Navigator has produced significant results for its participants, with 148 of the 690 participants successfully securing new employment to date. Of the 148 individuals that landed jobs, it took an average of 66 days for them to find new jobs.

The Career Navigators offers a five-day intensive job search training program, at no charge, that goes beyond polishing the resume. It emphasizes the “soft skills” or workplace competencies that are in high demand by employers. The program provides tools and resources to promote proactive job search methods, develops ownership and accountability for personal career management, fosters the concept of networking as a learning tool and information sharing, and maximizes the power of group learning and support.

The program also recently expanded beyond Monroe County to serve job seekers in Career Centers in the neighboring GLOW and Finger Lakes regions.

Information about upcoming Career Navigator classes is available at [http://www.rochesterworks.org/js\\_services\\_navigator.aspx](http://www.rochesterworks.org/js_services_navigator.aspx).