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Rochester job seekers crowd JOBSapalooza

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It's good to be an employer right now.

"It's like getting into the stock market when prices are really low," David Yauchzee, vice president of new business development at Rochester trade show and convention display maker RES-Exhibit Services LLC, said today as a line of job seekers grew at the company's table at the annual JOBSapalooza jobs fair. "There's a lot of talent out there."

Legions of job seekers in business attire and lugging stacks of resumes were at Thursday's JOBSapalooza jobs fair put on by the Rochester Business Alliance and the Rochester Area Career Development Association.

Held at the Henrietta Doubletree Inn, the event featured about 30 employers looking for employees or interns. The ranks of employers ranged from University of Rochester and Paychex Inc. to Ontario County's Guardian Industries and U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

JOBSapalooza traditionally is aimed at recent college grads, said Ellen Rosen of the Rochester Business Alliance. "They hear all the time 'there are no jobs here.' This is a chance to showcase some of the jobs opportunities," she said.

Last year's JOBSapalooza attracted close to 500 attendees. This year was expected to do likewise, if not more, Rosen said.

A similar JOBSapalooza held in Buffalo earlier this week featured more than 70 employers at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center and close to 2,000 job seekers.

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