

# INNOVATION WORKING GROUP 2017

## Action Items



*Pacific NorthWest  
Economic Region*

The competitive landscape of the global economy, coupled with worldwide environmental challenges, is creating unprecedented demand for scientific discovery and application. The Pacific Northwest region must channel the strengths of its many separate resources into a collaborative, comprehensive effort that maximizes the economic benefits of regional innovation.

**PNWER's Innovation Working Group is committed to:**

- Working with the PNWER Innovation Asset Inventory Survey
  - Refining the purpose statement of the Innovation Working Group
  - Exploring non-traditional models of intellectual property management and bringing suggestions to the working group
- Developing policy principles that jurisdictions could adopt for greater innovation collaboration and economic development

Action Items	Status
1 Encourage Map research, technology, and infrastructure assets in the public and private sectors in the PNWER region. Support continued research into autonomous aviation, maritime, and ground transportation or other areas that cone out of the initial research.	In progress—Co-chair exploring the possibility to have staff develop a static map
2 Encourage establishment of a U.S. National Lab in the Arctic.	In progress—Letter drafted and awaiting approval from co-chairs to submit to US Department of Energy
3 Promote use of virtual reality in workforce development, education, and healthcare.	In progress—Participating in Month AR/VR meetings in the Seattle region exploring new technologies and sharing with Co-Chairs
4 Invite Defense Innovation Unit experimental and DIU Silicon Valley to meet with PNWER to discuss dissemination of federal declassified technologies to startup ecosystems and in turn, how government can use this new technology.	In progress—Working on scheduling and availability of participants
5 Identify collapsing regional industries that could present opportunities for innovation and start-ups.	In progress—exploring manufacturing best practices in the workforce working group
6 Roadmap to accelerate AEC innovation to impact rural communities within PNWER.	In progress—working with Greg Howes on best practices. Howes hosted construction companies in Seattle that are utilizing AEC innovation in CLT and Pre-fabricated construction