



Brandon Hardenbrook
Chief Operating Officer, Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER)

Brandon Hardenbrook, serves as the Chief Operating Officer of the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER), a statutory public/private partnership established in 1991 by the states of Alaska, Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Oregon, and the western Canadian provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

His duties include overseeing all PNWER staff and programs in coordination with PNWER’s governing board, which includes legislative leadership of each state, province, and territory as well as governors and premiers, and private sector leaders. The

mandate of PNWER is to build the cross border regional economy while maintaining the region’s natural environment. PNWER’s 22 working groups include trade & economic development, energy, border issues, agriculture, invasive species, tourism, disaster resilience, transportation, water policy and others.

Mr. Hardenbrook has worked extensively in facilitating local, regional, and national government and private sector collaboration and has led several nationally-recognized efforts to address regional resiliency and economic recovery issues. He has managed many federal grants and contracts and is experienced with reporting requirements. He has extensive experience in critical infrastructure protection and economic interdependencies analysis. He has a versatile and broad background spanning cross-sector exercise planning and facilitation, operational training and execution, interdependencies analysis, interagency coordination, budget development and project management and execution.

Before joining PNWER, Mr. Hardenbrook served as an Army Air Defense Officer followed by several years in the healthcare industry. He holds a Master’s degree in Public Administration from Seattle University and a Bachelor of Science from Pacific Lutheran University.