



C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
Governor of Idaho



Dear Friends,

On behalf of the State of Idaho, I am pleased to welcome you to Pacific NorthWest Economic Region's (PNWER) 2016 Economic Leadership Forum in beautiful Boise, November 16-18. I know your meetings and the relationships you build here will enhance effective teamwork, communication and collaboration across state and national boundaries.

This year's conference will include sessions and discussion on pertinent topics to Idaho and the region – transportation, tourism, workforce development, forestry, telecommunications and energy. We also will continue the vital work of coordinating a regional defense against invasive freshwater mussels.

I'm proud of Idaho's contributions to the region through the PNWER Idaho Council and the leadership of Senator Curt McKenzie, immediate past president of PNWER. Idaho has benefited from collaboration between PNWER's Center for Regional Disaster Resilience and the Idaho Office of Emergency Management, which brought a series of cybersecurity workshops to the state's business owners and technology professionals over the past three years.

I encourage all participants to take advantage of this opportunity to strengthen valuable connections between legislators, business leaders, innovators and educators. Together we can build solutions to common challenges and enhance the economy and lifestyle of our communities.

I am thrilled that Idaho is hosting this year's Economic Leadership Forum and I invite you to return with family and friends to explore more of the innovation, culture, excitement and natural beauty that the Gem State has to offer.

As Always – Idaho, "Esto Perpetua"

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C.L. Butch Otter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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