



Pacific NorthWest Economic Region

PNWER Background

What is the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER)?

- Formed in 1991, PNWER is a statutory public-private sector partnership, representing the U.S. states of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington and the Canadian provinces and territories of Alberta, British Columbia, the Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan, and the Yukon.
- The mission of PNWER is to increase the economic well-being and quality of life for all citizens of the region, while maintaining and enhancing our natural environment.
- PNWER seeks to promote greater regional collaboration, enhance the competitiveness of the region in both domestic and international markets, and reduce trade and regulatory barriers.
- PNWER facilitates working groups consisting of public and private leaders to address specific issues impacting our regional economy. Each working group produces an action plan based on regional input. Working groups are led by both a private sector and a public sector co-chair.

Working groups include:

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| -Agriculture | -Forestry |
| -Border & Trade | -Innovation |
| -Cross-Border Livestock
Health | -Invasive Species |
| -Disaster Resilience | -Mining |
| -Economic Development | -Tourism |
| -Energy | -Transportation |
| -Energy & Environment | -Water Policy |
| | -Workforce Development |

- Additionally, PNWER runs several programs and projects each with their own unique focus. Active PNWER programs and projects include:

- [Arctic Caucus](#)
- [Center for Regional Disaster Resilience \(CRDR\)](#)
- [Legislative Energy Horizon Institute \(LEHI\)](#)



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-Current Grant Projects:

- [Comprehensive Regional Pandemic Resilience Roadmap](#)
- [Puget Sound Maritime Transportation Resilience](#)
- [Regional Infrastructure Accelerator \(RIA\)](#)
- [SPRINT Grant Challenge-Congregate: A Solutions Accelerator](#)

What does PNWER do?

Each year, PNWER:

- Hosts an annual summit in one of its provinces, states, or territories each summer. Action plans developed by attending delegates at this annual summit inform PNWER's work throughout the year.
- Hosts a smaller economic leadership forum each winter.
- Undertakes executive committee visits to Ottawa and Washington, D.C.
- Visits state and provincial capitals throughout the region to address concerns relevant to a particular jurisdiction and to update legislators on PNWER's efforts.
- Hosts regional meetings and conference calls with stakeholders, including government officials, business representatives, and academics, to support the activities of more than 20 working groups.

Economic Leadership Forum Boilerplate Language

The Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) has worked to develop cross-border trade and commerce while building trusted relationships for over 30 years. The value of building relationships amongst member states and provinces, both in the public and private sectors, is significant in ensuring that trade between our ten jurisdictions in Canada and the U.S. continues to make the region one of the most diverse, competitive, and innovative in the world.

State and provincial legislators and business leaders from Western Canada and the Pacific Northwest states will convene in-person and virtually at the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region's (PNWER) Economic Leadership Forum in Portland, Oregon, on December 4-6, 2022. This bi-national hybrid event will bring together delegates from the PNWER U.S. jurisdictions of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington, and the Canadian provinces and territories of Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan, and the Yukon. Delegates will meet at the Hilton Portland Downtown and virtually to discuss North American energy security and sustainability, regional infrastructure, supply chain issues, broadband accessibility, disaster resilience, and more.



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Who is PNWER?

PNWER leadership is made of state and provincial leaders. They include a president, vice presidents, and a delegation council from the across the region.

Current PNWER Leadership:

-Sen. Chuck Winder, Vice President

Idaho State Legislature

-MLA Rick Glumac, Vice President

Legislative Assembly of British Columbia

-Rep. Cindy Ryu, Vice President

Washington State Legislature

-MLA Richard Gotfried, Immediate Past President

Legislative Assembly of Alberta