



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.

Summit 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.

The Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER) is proud to host the 31st Annual Summit in Calgary, Alberta on July 24 – 28, 2022. PNWER has been a leader in facilitating stakeholder engagement in the Pacific Northwest, as an organization chartered by the states of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington, and the western provinces and territories of Alberta, British Columbia, the Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan, the Yukon. The Annual Summit will bring together over 500 state and provincial legislators and government and industry leaders from throughout the U.S. and Canada to discuss regional economic best practices and trade concerns, among other topics. It will be an opportunity to engage with our region's key decision makers from both sides of the border.



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PNWER's Annual Summits attract delegates from across the public and private sector.

Summit Attendance Breakdown:

60+ state, provincial, and territorial legislators

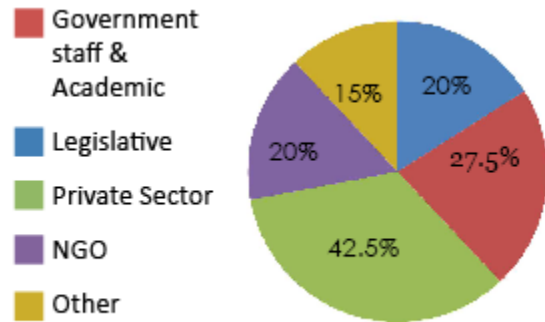
50 corporate CEOs and VPs

60 NGO executive directors

15 university presidents

90+ governmental officials

Several federal legislators



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:

-MLA Richard Gotfried, President

Legislative Assembly of Alberta

-Sen. Chuck Winder, Vice President

Idaho State Legislature

-MLA Rick Glumac, Vice President

Legislative Assembly of British Columbia

-Sen. Mia Costello, Vice President

Alaska State Legislature

-Sen. Mike Cuffe, Immediate Past President

Montana State Senate