

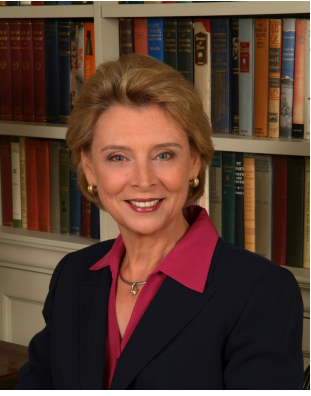


*Pacific NorthWest
Economic Region*

2010 Economic Leadership Forum

Event Program

Skamania Lodge
Stevenson, Washington
November 17-19, 2010



CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE
Governor



STATE OF WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Greetings from the Governor

November 17 – 19, 2010

I am pleased to extend warm greetings to all of those attending the Pacific Northwest Economic Region's (PNWER) 2010 Economic Leadership Forum. Since the founding of PNWER in 1991, Washington has been actively involved in promoting cross-border cooperation in the Pacific Northwest, and we are proud to host this important meeting.

Over the next few days, leaders from the public and private sectors will come together to identify more opportunities for collaboration, specifically focusing on transportation, our regional energy infrastructure, and enhancing our region's innovation ecosystem. I am pleased that you will be addressing issues related to expanding our bi-national rail corridor, which is important to both our business and tourism industries.

As we all face the challenges of decreased revenues, it is even more important to find ways to work together across borders to build our economy and stimulate the creation of good jobs for all the citizens of the region. PNWER has successfully nurtured better understanding of our region's common interests, and I commend you for your leadership in fostering regional collaboration and trust that you will find this forum to be well worth the time you have invested.

For those of you visiting us, I hope you will enjoy the natural beauty of southwest Washington, including the Columbia River Gorge, which is one of the most scenic areas in the great state of Washington.

Thank you all for coming, and please accept my best wishes for a rewarding and productive meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine O. Gregoire". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christine O. Gregoire
Governor



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Wednesday, November 17th

11:00am - 5:00pm **Registration located in the Front Gallery outside the Stevenson Ballroom**

2:00pm - 5:30pm **Transportation Roundtable focusing on Rail
Room: Stevenson B**

Proposed Co-chairs: Senator Mary Margaret Haugen (WA)/Representative Terry Beyer (OR)

- Overview on Amtrak Cascades, Washington State Department of Transportation and Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) funding and status of federal grants: Kelly Taylor, ODOT
- Host railroad update with BNSF and UP, Terry Finn & Brock Nelson
- National perspective on high speed rail and update of progress on rail corridors—Bruce Agnew, Cascadia Center, Petra Todorovich, Regional Plan Association (RPA) and Gunnar Hand, Executive Director, RailLA

Next steps on alternative on rail governance models—general discussion and finance—What do we have to do to be competitive?

- Senator Mary Margaret Haugen, Washington State Chair of Senate Transportation Committee
- Rep. Judy Clibborn, Washington State Chair of House Transportation Committee
- Representative Terry Beyer, Chair, Oregon House Transportation Committee
- Gail Achterman, Chair, Oregon Transportation Commission
- Loren Herringstad, All Aboard Washington

6:00pm –8:00pm **Reception hosted by the Government of Canada, featuring Canadian Consul General Denis Stevens
Room: Stevenson Ballroom A**

9:00 pm **Hospitality Suite located in the Hood River Suite, 4th Floor, Room 421**

Thursday, November 18th

8:00am—
9:30 am **Breakfast Panel Addressing the Regional Impact of the US 2010 Midterm Elections featuring US Consul General Phil Chicola, Hon. Barry Penner, BC, Rep. Mike Schaufler, OR, Rep. Jim Jacks, WA
Room: Stevenson Ballroom A**

9:30am -
11:45am **Energy—Cross Border Regional Regulatory Coordination
Room: Stevenson C/D**

Roundtable Discussion- “How do state & provincial regulatory agencies coordinate regionally to address the challenges of the regional grid system including the cost of integration of renewables, balancing, firming & capacity of renewables (cost allocation)”, featuring:

Regional Energy Chairs

- Sen. Phil Rockefeller, Chair of Senate Environment, Water & Energy Committee, WA
- Rep. John McCoy, Chair of House Technology, Energy and Communications Committee, WA
- Rep. George Eskridge, Chair of House Environment, Energy & Technology Committee, ID
- Hon. Mel Knight, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, AB
- Rep. Bryce Edgmon, AK
- Rep. Deb Boone, OR

- David Danner, Executive Director, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
- LouAnn Westerfield, representing Idaho Public Utilities Commission
- Tom Kaiserski, representing Montana Governor’s Office
- Oregon Public Utilities Commission representative
- Alberta Electric System Operator representative

**Transportation
Room: Stevenson B**

How to finance High Speed Rail through Public Private Partnerships (P3s): How do you mix public & private funding to achieve high speed rail- This Panel will address Risk Management, Insurance Premiums, Tax Credits for Railroads and Limited Liability Issues. Featuring:

Overview: Bruce Agnew, Cascadia Center for Regional Development

Moderator: Larry Ehl, Washington State Department of Transportation

- Brian Painley, CH2MHill
- Mark Hemphill, HDR Engineering
- Fred Cummings, TransLink

Utility Panel Discussion on the challenges faced with California and greater renewable integration
Moderated by Jeff Morris, Director of PNWER Energy Horizon Program

12:00pm -
1:15pm **Luncheon Keynote featuring Sharon Banks, CEO of Cascade Sierra Solutions
Room: Stevenson Ballroom A**

Thursday, November 18th (continued)

<p>1:30 pm - 3:30pm</p> <p>Energy (continued) Room: Stevenson C/D</p> <p>Roundtable to consider new legislative solutions for developing greater regional efficiency for the energy system, featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Jeff Morris <p>Regional Energy Chairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sen. Phil Rockefeller, Chair of Senate Environment, Water & Energy Committee, WA • Rep. John McCoy, Chair of House Technology, Energy and Communications Committee, WA • Rep. George Eskridge, Chair of House Environment, Energy & Technology Committee, ID • Hon. Mel Knight, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, AB • Rep. Bryce Edgmon, AK 	<p>Transportation Room: Stevenson B</p> <p>Greening our Highways: A Case Study on the I-5 Corridor Moderator: Steve Marshall, Fellow, Cascadia Center for Regional Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rep. Deb Eddy, Washington • Tonia Buell, Project Development & Communications manager, Washington State Department of Transportation • Art James, Innovative Partnerships Project Director, Oregon Department of Transportation • Tim Murphy, Director, Transportation Systems, Idaho National
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<p>3:45pm —5:00pm</p> <p>Joint Transportation and Energy Session: Transportation/Energy corridors and update on U.S.-Canada Clean Energy Dialogue.</p> <p>Room: Stevenson B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilizing rail corridors for electrical grid expansion • US-Canada Clean Energy Dialogue Update (Paul Manson, SeaBreeze) • Alberta Update- Bev Yee, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Stewardship Division, Alberta Environment
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Friday, November 19th

<p>8:00am - 9:00am</p>	<p>Breakfast Keynote featuring Sen. Jim Kastama, Washington State Room: Stevenson A</p>
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<p>9:00am - 12:00pm</p> <p>Innovation—Developing a Regional Innovation Strategy Room: Stevenson C</p> <p>Moderated by David Zeponi, Working Group Co-Chair, Executive Director, Northwest Food Processors Association</p> <p>Innovation Collaboration - Identifying best practices for enhanced regional collaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President Steven VanAusdle, Walla Walla Community College • Egils Milbergs, Executive Director, Washington Economic Development Commission • William Mounts, President, P/E Limited • David Kenney, President & Executive Director, Oregon BEST <p>Working to identify clusters of innovation for stimulating regional collaboration with forum participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Seufert, Productive Measurement and Improvement Advisor, NWFPA 	<p>Arctic Caucus Sidebar (11AM - 12PM) Room: Stevenson D</p> <p>Overview of Arctic Caucus Leadership Forum</p> <p>This informal meeting will be open to those interested in the upcoming Arctic Caucus meeting in Barrow, Alaska on December 1 & 2. We will go over:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agenda • Logistics
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<p>12:00pm - 1:00pm</p>	<p>BHP and Potash Corporation: the story behind the BHP Billiton \$38 billion takeover bid for Potash Corp in Saskatchewan featuring Lyle Stewart, MLA (former minister of Enterprise Saskatchewan) Room: Stevenson A</p>
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<p>1:00pm - 4:00pm</p>	<p>PNWER Executive Committee Meeting Room: Stevenson A</p>
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KEYNOTE SPEAKER BIOS

Sharon Banks, Chief Executive Officer Cascade Sierra Solutions



Ms. Banks is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of Cascade Sierra Solutions. CSS brings together clean diesel technologies, low-cost financing and government grants to enable the trucking industry to save fuel and reduce emissions. She has 16 years experience in governmental finance at the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) – an air quality agency in Lane County, Oregon. In 2006, Sharon formed CSS as a non-profit organization to expand the program. Ms. Banks is a team member of the West Coast Diesel Collaborative, an active member of the Puget Sound Clean Cities Coalition, a member of Oregon Environmental Council, on the Board of Clear Air Northwest and an affiliate member of EPA's SmartWay Transport Partnership. She is a graduate of the University of Oregon with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and a graduate of the U.S. Army's Command and General Staff College. She also serves as a Commander in the Oregon Army National Guard.

Phillip Chicola, Consul General Consulate General of the United States, Vancouver



Phillip Chicola assumed the position of Consul General at the U.S. Consulate General in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, on August 25, 2008.

A career officer in the U.S. Foreign Service with the rank of Minister

Counselor, Phil Chicola joined the State Department in 1979. Over the past three decades, he has developed broad regional expertise and has dealt with some of Latin America's most difficult issues.

During his career, Phil has earned five Superior Honor Awards and two Meritorious Honor Awards; the Intelligence Collector of the Year Award in 1991; and the James Clement Dunn Award for Excellence.

A Cuban-American, Mr. Chicola came to the U.S. in 1961 and became a naturalized citizen in 1968. He is married and has two children. He is a graduate of Florida Atlantic University and did his graduate work at Florida State University. He is also a graduate of the United States Army War College.

Rep. Jim Jacks, Representative 49th District Washington State House of Representatives



Rep. Jacks Represents the 49th District, which includes Vancouver west of Interstate 205, and Hazel Dell. For the past nine years, Jim's career has focused on public service and problem-solving. He was the citizen advocate for the City of Vancouver, and Governor

Chris Gregoire's representative in southwestern Washington. Jim also established the Clark County Juvenile Court's Victim-Offender Mediation program. He currently works in business development for the engineering, surveying and planning firm of MacKay & Sposito. He earned a bachelor's degree from Oregon State University, and a master's degree from the University of Bradford in England. Jim is a member of the Policy Consensus Initiative National Board of Directors.

Jim and his wife, Brenda, live in Clark County and they have two children.

Sen. Jim Kastama, 25th Legislative District Washington State Senate



Sen. Jim Kastama chairs the Senate Economic Development, Trade and Innovation Committee. Representing the 25th Legislative District since 1996, Jim was first elected to the Senate in 2000 after two terms in the House of Representatives.

Jim also sits on the Senate Transportation and Higher Education and Workforce Development committees. Jim also is a member of the Legislative Committee on Economic Development and International Relations, the State Economic Development Finance Authority Board and the Washington Economic Development Commission.

A graduate of Puyallup High School, Jim attended Claremont Men's College and holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of California at Berkeley. Jim lives in his hometown of Puyallup with his wife, Barbara, and children Isaac, Anna Laura, Michael, Sarah and Rachel.

Hon. Barry Penner, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation

Legislative Assembly of British Columbia



Barry Penner was re-elected as MLA to represent the new riding of Chilliwack-Hope in the spring of 2009.

Barry was raised in Chilliwack. He studied political science and economics at Simon Fraser University to earn his Bachelor of Arts degree. He later earned his law degree from the University of Victoria. A former park ranger and sawmill worker, Barry also worked as a B.C. Legislative intern in Victoria. In 1991, he worked for an International law firm in Bangkok, Thailand and then later practiced law in Chilliwack until his election in 1996.

Barry was appointed in 2001 to lead BC's delegation to the Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER). He served as President of PNWER from June 2002 to July 2003 and remains active in PNWER issues.

Barry represents and lives in the electoral district of Chilliwack-Hope.

Rep. Mike Schaufler, Representative 48th District Oregon State House of Representatives

After growing up and graduating from high school in Webster City, Iowa, Mike developed an early interest in politics, compelling him to attend University of Iowa and pursue a B.A. in Political Science. Upon completing his bachelor's degree in 1984, he moved to Oregon in 1988.

Mike has followed his strong interest in politics beginning in local government where he has held numerous positions. His involvement has afforded him to participate in varying roles, gain exposure to a wealth of issues and apply real solutions to make the community better.

Mike currently resides in Happy Valley with his wife and daughter. His dedication for a bright future for his family resonates with his deep concerns for his constituents. He aims to ensure a quality education that each child deserves along with strong working communities in Happy Valley and Southeast Portland through his work at the capitol.

Lyle Stewart, Member of the Legislative Assembly Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

Lyle, an original member of the Saskatchewan Party, was first elected to represent the constituency of Thunder Creek on September 16, 1999 and re-elected in 2003 and 2007. During his elected terms, Lyle has served as interim Leader of the Saskatchewan Party, as well as, the critic for

Agriculture, Economic Development, Industry and Resources. After the 2007 election, Lyle was appointed as the Minister for Enterprise and Innovation with responsibility for the Nuclear file.

At present, Lyle is Vice-Chair of Treasury Board and Investment Board. He is also Chair of the Standing Committee on the Economy, as well as, a Member of Public Accounts Committee.

Lyle continues to farm and ranch on the Stewart family farm with his wife Linda and son Lee. Lyle and Linda have three grown children Stephanie, Alison and Lee.

Denis Stevens, Consul General Consulate General of Canada, Seattle

Denis Stevens joined the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade in 1996, where he served as policy adviser to the minister of foreign affairs, deputy director in the Human Rights Division and director of policy in the Secretariat on War-Affected Children.

Mr. Stevens has, since 2001, served in management positions at the departments of Justice, Indian and Northern Affairs, Public Safety, and at the Privy Council Office. Since 2007, he has been the director general of intergovernmental relations and public outreach at Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada. He is married to Geneviève Chanteloup, and they have two daughters. Mr. Stevens succeeds Peter Lloyd.

PNWER Leadership 2010-2011



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- Sen. Lesil McGuire**
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- Rep. John "Bert" Stevenson

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- Rep. Paul Holvey
- Rep. Mike Schaufler**

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- Michael Chisholm, MLA**
- Hon. Bill Boyd
- Dustin Duncan, MLA
- Lyle Stewart, MLA

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- Sen. Paull Shin
- Sen. Jim Honeyford
- Sen. Phil Rockefeller**
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- Rep. Maralyn Chase
- Rep. Bruce Chandler
- Rep. Bob Hasegawa

Yukon

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- Glen Hart, MLA
- Hon. Jim Kenyon**
- Steve Nordick, MLA

**Bold = PNWER Officers/
State & Provincial Leads**

Private Sector Council

Canada Co-Chair: Neil Windsor, APEGGA — US Co-Chair: Jan Romerdahl, US Bank

Alaska

- Bruce Carr, Alaska Railroad
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- Jock Finlayson, Business Council of BC

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- Gary Fuhrman, Idaho Farm Bureau Federation

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- James Baumgartner, Black Helterline, LLP
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- William Kidd, BP
- Jerry Cochran, Microsoft
- Bill Struyk, Johnson and Johnson
- Ken Johnson, Puget Sound Energy

Yukon

- Don Pumphrey, NorthwesTel



PNWER delegates with **Governor Butch Otter** of Idaho during the 2010 capital visit to Boise.

The Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER) is a public-private partnership chartered by the states of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington; the western Canadian provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan; and Yukon and Northwest Territories. PNWER is dedicated to encouraging global economic competitiveness and preserving our world-class natural environment. PNWER is recognized by both the United States and Canada as the “model” for regional and bi-national cooperation because of its proven success. PNWER is a respected voice and resource for our region. It provides the public and private sectors a cross-border forum for unfiltered dialogue that capitalizes upon the synergies between business leaders and elected officials working to advance the region’s global competitiveness.

PNWER IS THE PREEMINENT BI-NATIONAL REGIONAL ADVOCATE FOR STATE AND PROVINCIAL REGIONAL ISSUES.

Mission

To increase the economic well-being and quality of life for all citizens of the region;

To coordinate provincial and state policies throughout the region;

To identify and promote “models of success” and serve as a conduit for information exchange.

Goals

Promote greater regional collaboration;

Enhance the competitiveness of the region in both domestic and international markets;

Leverage the region’s influence in Washington D.C. and Ottawa;

Achieve continued economic growth while maintaining the region’s natural beauty and environment.



Hon. Ed Stelmach, Premier of Alberta, addresses delegates at the PNWER 20th Annual Summit in Calgary, Alberta



US Ambassador to Canada David Jacobson, **Hon. Gordon Campbell** Premier of British Columbia, and **Hon. Brad Wall** Premier of Saskatchewan at the PNWER Border Symposium on February 22, 2010 at the Winter Olympics

Public and Private Sector Leadership

PNWER delivers results on regional issues through action plans developed by more than 14 working groups corresponding to the region's key priorities. Each working group is co-chaired by an industry leader and a government representative. PNWER is a forum for collaborative bi-national planning involving both the public and private sectors and offers leadership at the state/provincial/territorial level in Salem, Olympia, Boise, Helena, Juneau, Edmonton, Victoria, Regina, Whitehorse, and Yellowknife, and at the national level in Washington D.C. and Ottawa.

The Region's Future

With over US \$1 Trillion in gross regional product, the US Pacific Northwest (Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington) and Western Canada (Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan, and Yukon) is one of the fastest growing regions of North America. We are China and East Asia's gateway to North America. We hosted the 2010 Winter Olympics. We are home to several major infrastructure projects and business opportunities. Now, more than ever, the Pacific Northwest needs a bi-national, regional advocate that works with both the public and private sectors.

“PNWER has a profound impact on policy making.”
- **Hon. Stockwell Day**,
President of the Treasury Board and Minister of the Asia Pacific Gateway



MLA Len Mitzel and Hon. Naomi Yamamoto (BC) at the 2nd PNWER Legislative Academy



“PNWER has been the single most effective organization that we have been associated with in our twenty-three year existence in addressing political as well as business issues.”

- **Darrell Bryan**,
President and CEO of Clipper Navigation Inc.



Delegates at the PNWER Legislative Energy Horizon Institute in Washington, D.C.

Border and 2010 Olympics



This February and March saw the culmination for the 2010 Olympics Program and a high point in our border work. During the Olympics, we worked with the Province of BC, Yukon and Northwest Territories to put on a number of events focused on tourism promotion and business development. The centerpiece of our activities was the Border Symposium,

“Developing 2020 Vision for the US/Canada Border,” held February 22nd in Vancouver.

PNWER played a vital role in the implementation of new AMTRAK Cascades Service between Portland and Vancouver, BC. PNWER’s Border Solution Council continues to work with the US Department of Homeland Security, the Canadian Border Services Agency and others to improve border mobility and aid in the development of Stakeholder designed solutions to enhance our global competitiveness.

Center for Regional Disaster Resilience

Since late 2001, PNWER, through its Center for Regional Disaster Resilience, has worked with key public and private stakeholders to develop and conduct an extensive number of exercises and other events and activities focused on critical infrastructure interdependencies with the goal of improving regional infrastructure security and disaster resilience.

This year has seen a number of Disaster Resilience initiatives moved forward by PNWER and next year looks to be an even more positive year for expanding the disaster resilience program in the region. These programs include the Blue Cascades Exercise Series and the Comprehensive Community Bio-Event Resilience (CCBER) Project through which PNWER is developing community roadmap for bio-resilience. We also assisted with the Emerald Down Cyber Security Exercise

For more on our many regional resiliency programs, please visit: <http://www.regionalresilience.org/>

Legislative Energy Horizon Institute

At the 2008 Vancouver Summit, the Energy Chair’s Task Force and the Energy Horizon Project proposed the development of a Legislative Energy Institute to prepare new legislators for a commitment to energy policy. PNWER’s private sector partners had recognized a need for legislators to have a better understanding of the basic energy system, including how the infrastructure works, how it is regulated, and how public and private utility managers make business decisions to prepare for the region’s future energy needs.

From this, the Legislative Energy Horizon Institute was born. PNWER approached the US Department of Energy with the idea who agreed to provide \$65,000 in seed funding to get the Institute going. PNWER reached out to major energy stakeholders, including utilities in the region, to gauge possible supplementary support. Additional funding was secured from Alberta and Saskatchewan, and from several private sector ‘launch’ sponsors: Spectra, Puget Sound Energy, BP, Northwest Gas Association, PacifiCorp and Enbridge.

PNWER partnered with the University of Idaho’s Executive MBA Leadership Institute to develop the curriculum of the 9 day legislative course. Legislators who completed the 60 hours of course work were awarded a certificate in Energy Policy from the University of Idaho. It took two months to construct the curriculum and meeting logistics, three months to recruit the first class. The first of three sessions was held at the 2009 Summit in Boise. Initial feedback was very positive. The second session was held during NCSL’s fall forum in San Diego. In April 2010, the first 37 legislators graduated after the final session in Washington, D.C.



Graduates of the first Legislative Energy Horizon Institute, April 2010 in Washington, D.C.

The next class of the Legislative Energy Horizon Institute will convene at the PNWER 21st Annual Summit in Portland, Oregon July 19-22, 2011

Agriculture/Cross-Border Livestock Health

- Expedite rule making process to restore trade of sheep and goats to the US and allow for transit of Canadian sheep and goats through US
- Address the speed of non-negative animal disease test results reported across the border so as to not negatively affect cross border trade (border interruption).
- Develop a mutual recognition of zoning and regionalization in both countries. Investigate status of this between USDA and CFIA?
- Sharing of best practices. Encourage the development of a North American template for crisis or incident management and encourage commodity organizations to include emergency preparedness and response management in their organizational structure.
- Explore opportunities too share supplies and expertise across the border with an emphasis on USDA/CFIA



- Invite and engage the industry supply chain (processing) to participate in discussions on communication and recovery.

Arctic Caucus

- Hold the first official meeting of the Arctic Caucus in Barrow Alaska in Sept. 2010 with a primary focus on infrastructure development.

Border Issues

- PNWER should capitalize on momentum from the 2010 Olympics and continue to strengthen efforts to integrate border stakeholder groups, especially from the interior region in the border coordination council.
- Work with DHS in the development of specific policy goals in the creation of the northern border strategy.

- Work with CBSA and DHS to examine the US regulation that requires re-screening of checked baggage originating in Canadian Airports and arriving in US ports.
- PNWER supports the permanent operation of the 2nd daily Amtrak train and calls on the government of Canada by Sept. 30, 2010, to permanently waive the inspection fee under the cost recovery pilot program of CBSA and continue to work with Amtrak, WSDOT, CBP, CBSA on the expansion of pre-clearance procedures at Pacific Central Station in Vancouver.



Disaster Resilience

PNWER should build on existing capabilities to undertake four priority initiatives to help implement the July 2010 Canada-United States Action Plan for Critical Infrastructure:

- Strengthen and expand regional collaboration utilizing PNEMA, the PNW Partnership for Regional Infrastructure Security and Resilience, the PNW Border Health Alliance, and other mechanisms.
- Provide a forum to discuss and harmonize cross-border roles and responsibilities to improve preparedness, response and recovery for all-hazards incidents and disasters.
- Work toward developing a cross-border information sharing process focusing initially on health and safety-related data that can be expanded to other types of information needed for infrastructure protection and disaster resilience.
- Utilize the PNWER Summit to work toward developing a campaign to create a culture of public safety and disaster resilience to raise the level of awareness among government and private sector leaders, media and the general public by integrating the topic into other working groups.

Energy

- Increase cooperation amongst regulatory bodies by Inviting regulatory agencies to meet with policy makers at the Winter PNWER meeting, November 17-20 to address an agenda that includes a discussion amongst PUCs regarding:
 - cost of integration, balancing, firming, and capacity of renewable (cost allocation)
 - how they make their decisions within the context of other regulatory decisions made throughout the region
 - obstacles they are concerned about or suggestions for new legislative solutions.
- Request a breakout session involving policy makers and regulators at the NARUC annual meeting in February, 2011
- Invite NREL and NIPPC, and IPPBC to have a dialogue about a Renewable Energy Exchange at the PNWER Winter meeting
- Initiate a dialogue within the PNWER region on what mutual benefits the region has in energy transactions with CA
- Invite CA entities to a subsequent meeting based on conclusions of the meeting cited above
- Develop a list of impediments to holistic and efficient regional transmission systems with input from PNWER jurisdictions and entities
- Global energy demand is expected to continue to grow, creating significant new export opportunities for energy products in the PNWER region. Bringing energy to market – whether by pipeline, rail, through transmission lines and a western power grid – is an important aspect of seizing economic development opportunities.
- PNWER members agree on the importance of increasing opportunities for North American trade in clean energy. This requires enhanced east-west/north-south infrastructure to meet future national and global energy demand across North America.



PNWER members commit to cooperate on energy supply and import and export initiatives between Canada and the United States. This will be part of our agenda for the DC and Ottawa capital visits

- Assemble data sets from each jurisdiction to compare the regulatory costs per kilometer (average cost per interconnection and length of time.)

- Complete a study examining the carbon footprint of a jurisdiction/area per unit of GDP
- Support the continuation of the Legislative Energy Horizon Institute
- Partner with the University of Regina to hold a CCS meeting in the fall of 2010

Energy II

- PNWER should support the development of the Legislative Energy Horizon Institute as a sustainable PNWER Program, and implement plans for the second class for 2011-2012

Environment

- Encourage PNWER members, especially Legislators, to share accurate information regarding the Oil Sands with their colleagues and constituents

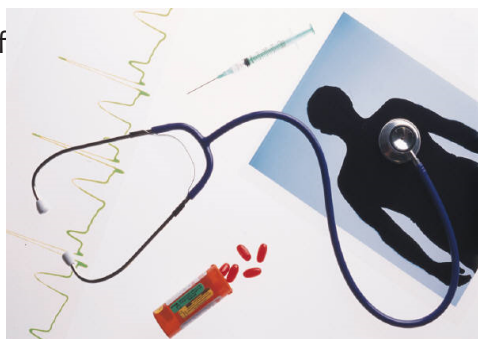
Health Care

- Create a newsletter focusing on Mental Health in the Workplace: available for handout and post on web.
- Develop a PNWER Mental Health Resources Guide (Canada and US) on current research, evidence of effective programs, tools and policy options for jurisdictions to addressing mental health and addictions in the workplace.
- Archived Video-cast of presentations from Mental Health and Addictions in the Workplace Symposium

2010 SUMMIT ACTION ITEMS

will be made available for broader dissemination (September, 2010).

- Hold a meeting of health evidence centres and key decision makers and industry in association with the 2011 Portland PNWER meeting.



- PNWER encourages all jurisdictions to sign the MOU to create the Pacific Northwest Border Health Alliance. (Status: All jurisdictions have signed except for Alberta and Montana.)

Invasive Species

- Send a letter to all federal legislators from PNWER member states regarding prevention of Source Point Contamination at Lake Meade and follow up on the letter sent last year to Secretary Salazar
- Draft a letter of Support from the PNWER executive Board to be used for support of grants for regional invasive programs
- Distribute the Oregon Invasive Species Economic Impact assessment and recommend similar assessments be done by all member jurisdictions in order to obtain a regional picture of Invasive Species Economic impact
- Maintain an active year-round invasive species group, including quarterly webinars to increase regional collaboration and information sharing.

Innovation

- Have a session at the Winter Meeting on Identifying Barriers to Regional Innovation Collaboration
- Generate a Map of Regional Innovation Clusters throughout the PNWER Region

Sustainable Development

- Seek support of the public and private sector to query state and provincial data and Produce an Inventory/Overview of renewable energy projects of one mega-watt or greater underway on a regional basis by jurisdiction
- Produce an inventory/matrix of projects/programs in the region that are providing economic incentives for the development of sustainable technologies
- Initiate a workshop at the 2011 Summit or before that can develop consistent measurement standards and terminology for defining success in the areas of sustainable development amongst different user groups

Tourism

- The Tourism working group will work with a core team of initial stakeholders to broaden the involvement of the tourism sector in the Annual Summit
- The tourism working group should consider a session on integration of cultural tourism into the 2011 Summit, including the possibility of a culturally oriented Policy tour

Transportation

- Popularity of the Amtrak Cascades and the international exposure received by the region during the 2010 Winter Olympic Games opened the door for new tourism opportunities.
- PNWER supports the permanent operation of the 2nd daily Amtrak train and calls on the government of Canada by Sept. 30, 2010, to permanently waive the inspection fee under the cost recovery pilot program of CBSA and continue to work with Amtrak, WSDOT, CBP, CBSA on the expansion of pre-clearance procedures at Pacific Central Station in Vancouver
- The Transportation working group will hold a session at the PNWER Winter Meeting to discuss opportunities for integration of transportation and

energy infrastructure development in the Cascade Corridor (Vancouver, BC to Eugene, OR). The Oregon and Washington legislative Transportation committees will be invited to participate as well as British Columbia transportation leaders.

- The Transportation working group recommends the examination of the relationship between trade corridors and increasing exports. (The Van Horne Institute is undergoing research on this topic.)

Water Policy

- Recommends that PNWER pursue a national level keynote speaker to address PNWER delegates during a plenary session at the Portland Summit on important water issues impacting our regional economy and environment.
- Provide a forum to continue the dialogue on important regional issues around the Columbia river treaty with potential topics such as:
 - Environmental management,
 - water storage,
 - community and tribal issues,

- critical infrastructure impacts,
- scientific data on climate change projections, snow pack, invasive species, etc.
- other interests of the Pacific Northwest.

Women in Natural Resources

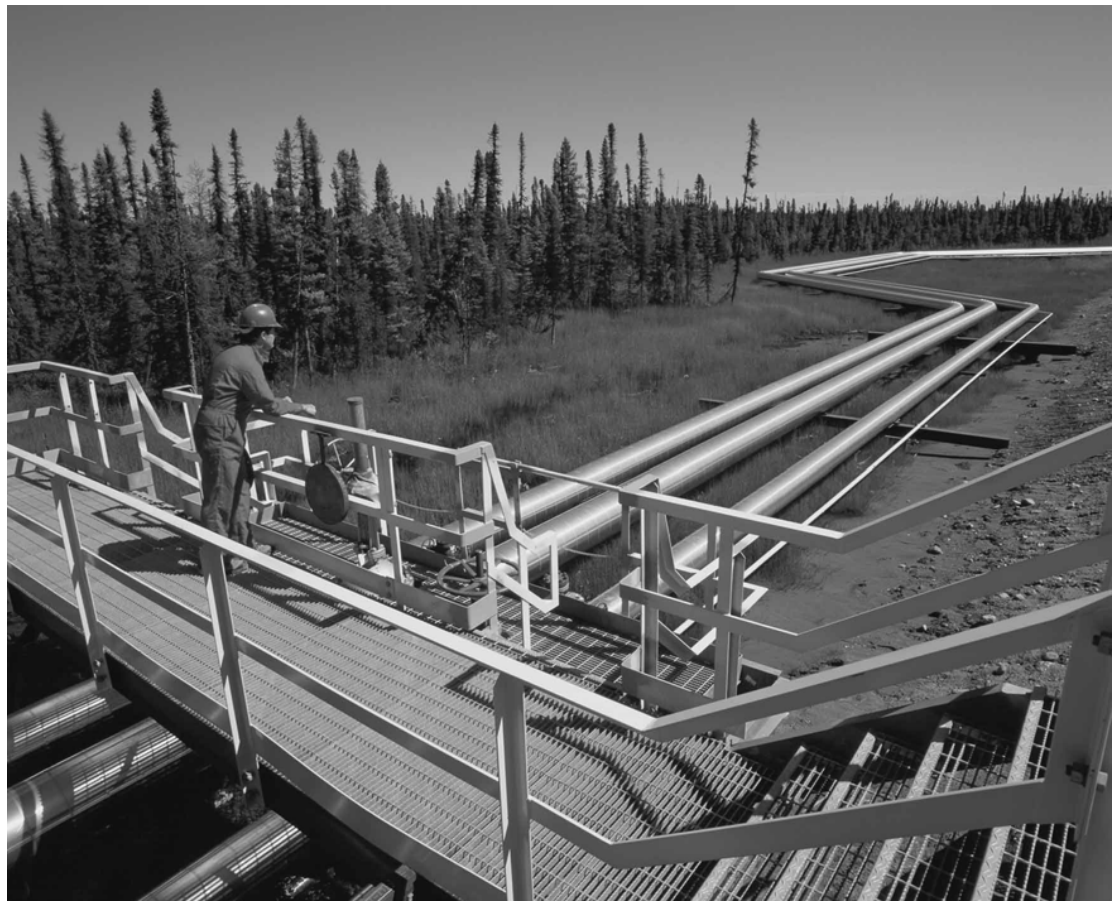
Make the Women in Natural Resource Session an Annual Event during the PNWER Summit

Workforce/Northern Development

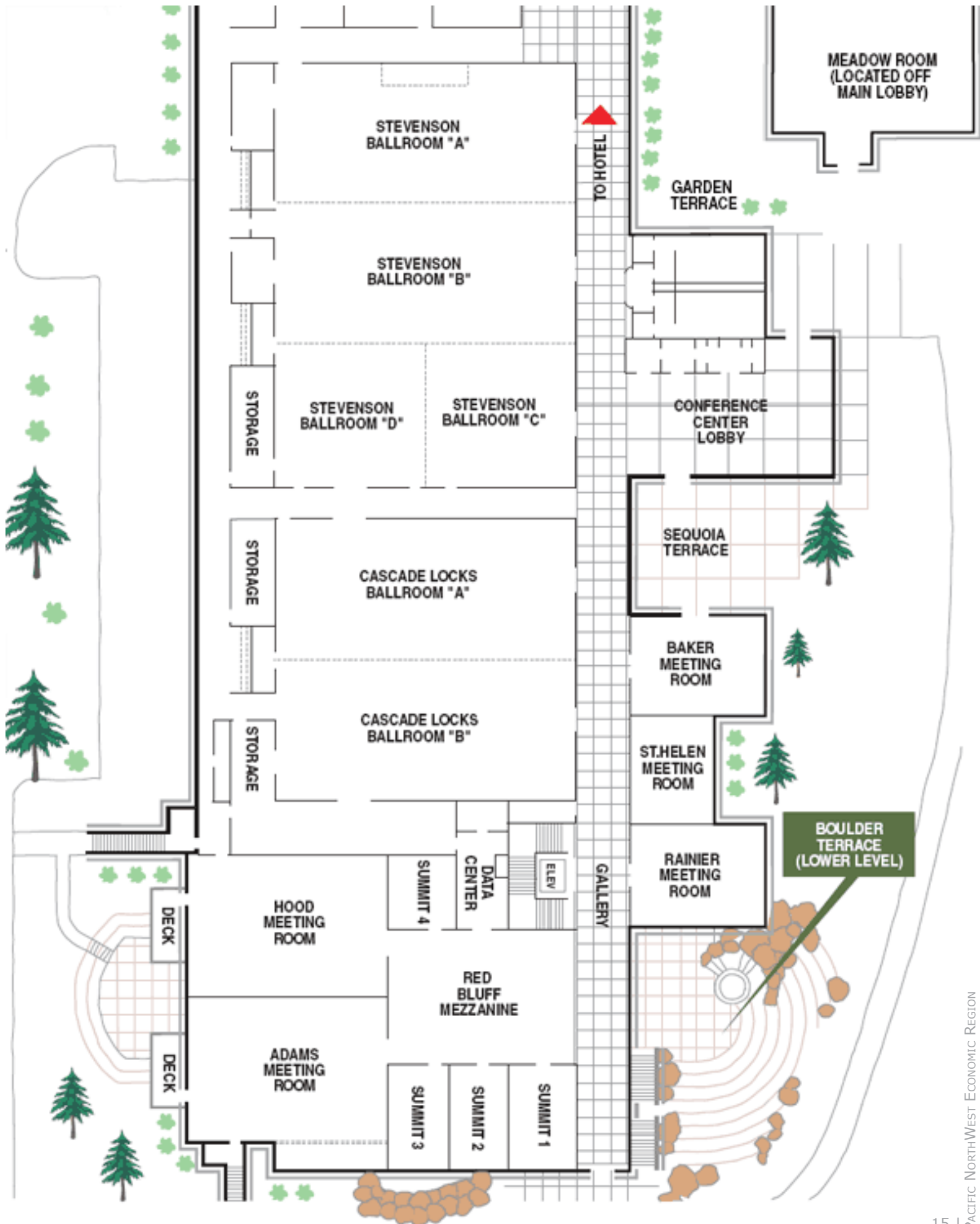
Pursuant to PNWER’s 2006 resolution calling on all PNWER jurisdiction licensing bodies for engineers to adopt policies or present amendments to their respective legislative bodies to waive the requirement for satisfaction of prescriptive credentials in education and examination if the applicant meets specific criteria adopted by each jurisdiction. PNWER urges all US jurisdictions to adopt this in time for a major announcement during the PNWER 2011 Summit in Portland, Oregon

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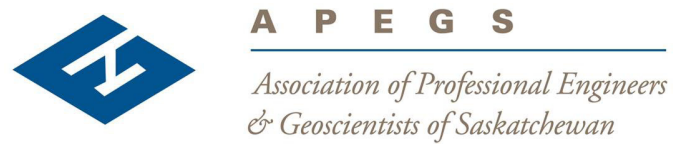
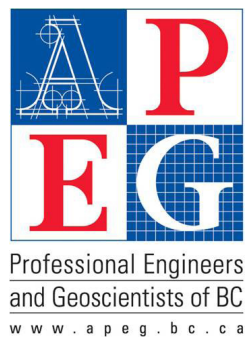
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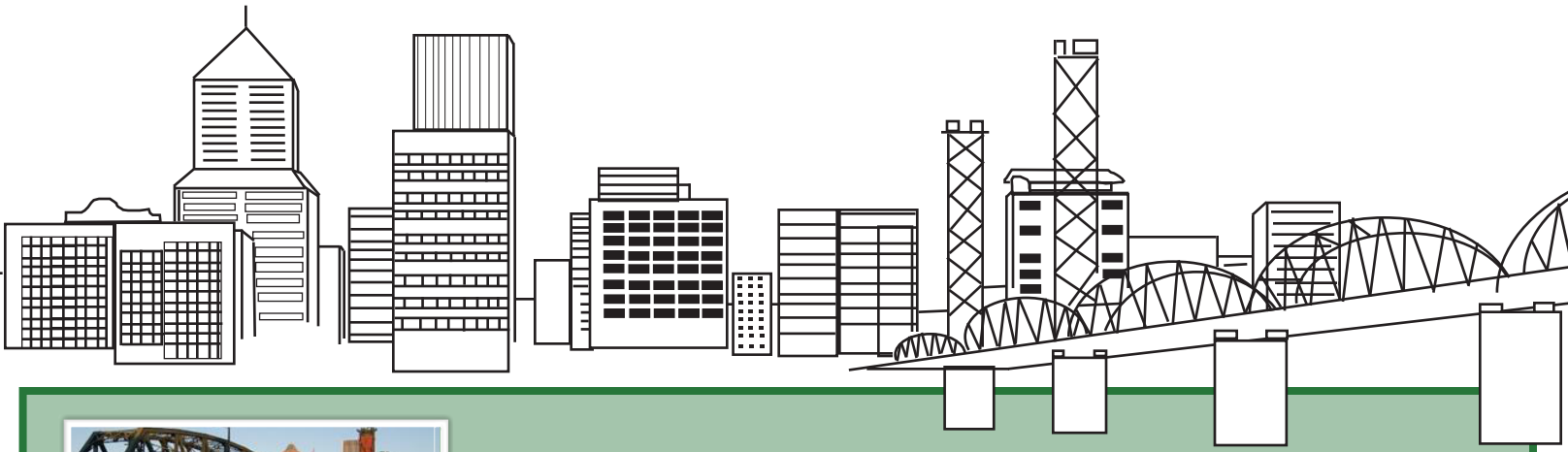


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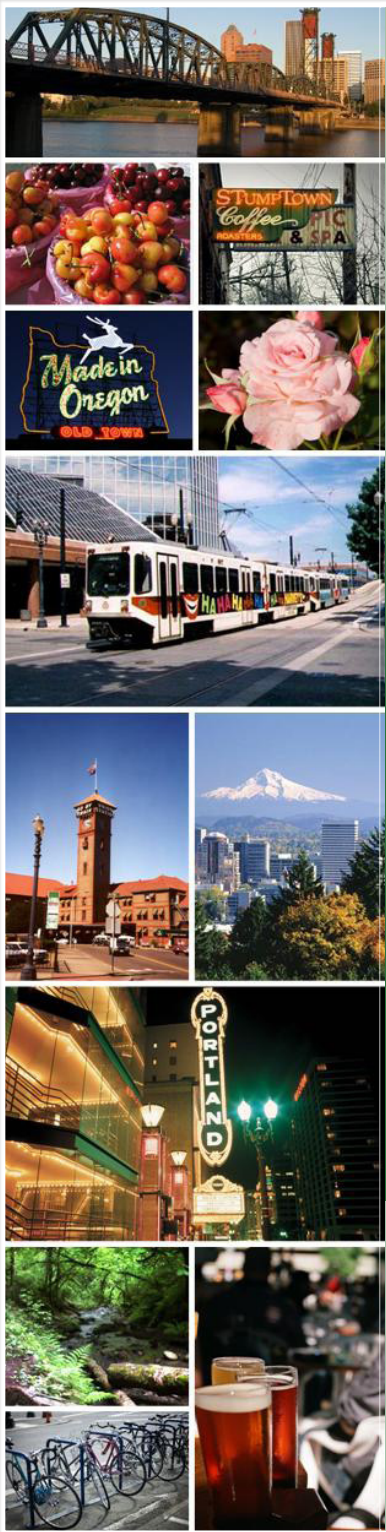




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- **Moving at high speeds:** *Transportation Innovation*
- **Our energy future:** *A regional look at renewable energy generation and transmission*
- **Tourism:** Joint efforts in promoting the Pacific Northwest in new markets
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