



## **2010 PNWER Economic Leadership Forum**

### **Action Items**

#### **Energy**

PNWER should survey energy groups in the region to gauge interest in having individual meetings at a single site twice per year to save travel dollars for regulators, and to consolidate meetings so principal energy legislators could participate at one location. This would facilitate a collaborative regional list of shared issues and possible goals to address them. The PNWER Energy Group would like to continue to address the following issues in this context:

- What needs to be communicated to California
- Focus on dynamic capacity and renewable integration across region.
- Develop economic goals for developing smart grid technologies on the ground & do better job of coordinating an export strategy

#### **Transportation**

- 1) PNWER should support ongoing efforts for a preliminary engineering and financial study for high speed rail operation between Nisqually and Vancouver, WA including analysis of a third track
- 2) The Transportation Working Group recommends that PNWER explore a University consortium joint research project to address how rail right of ways could be used for smart grid and telecom expansion.
- 3) PNWER should write to US Secretary LaHood to call for release of already appropriated hi-speed rail funding and that funds under the program that have been returned should be considered to augment WA and OR's submitted requests for funding.

#### **Innovation**

Working group will work with PNWER to explore funding sources to develop an inventory of clean energy clusters in terms of region's innovation assets.