



KATE BROWN  
Governor



On behalf of the State of Oregon, welcome to Portland for the Pacific Northwest Economic Region's 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Summit, taking place July 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup>. We are honored and excited to be hosting the 2017 Summit and cannot wait to continue the great work and fruitful discussions happening across the region.

Portland is recognized globally as a leader in sustainable development and innovative technologies. During your stay, I invite you to explore all of the things that make Portland such a unique and remarkable city. From our multi-modal transit system and world-famous breweries to the largest urban forest in America, Portland offers an experience for everyone.

Although Oregon does not share a border with Canada, our economies are deeply intertwined. Bilateral trade between my state and Canada was worth 5.3 billion dollars in 2015 and nearly 100,000 jobs in Oregon depend on trade and investment with our neighbors to the North.

The 2017 Summit will be an excellent forum to discuss topics such as sustainable development, innovations in transportation, ways to stop invasive species and other subjects critical to Oregon and to our regional economy. These summits are the best way for the region's industry leaders, innovators and legislators to establish and strengthen cross-border relationships.

Oregon is a founding member of the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region and actively encourages collaboration in the Pacific Northwest and Western Canada.

This is an important time for our region, and Portland is the perfect venue for us to come together and discuss our collective future. I look forward to sharing our great state with you!

Sincerely,

Governor Kate Brown