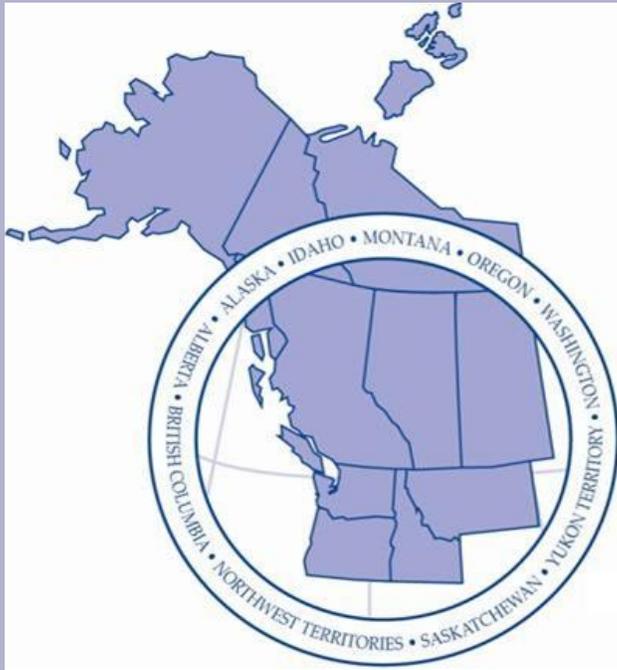


Pacific NorthWest Economic Region and Workforce Development



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“The Region has a GDP of over \$1Trillion, with a population of 22.9 Million people, making it the 14th Largest Economy in the world.”*

*Data based on IMF 2010 totals

2012-2013 Workforce Mobility and Development

Workforce Initiative

In late 2011 PNWER leadership met with the Canadian Prime Minister and several key Federal Ministers about the ‘Beyond the Border and Perimeter Security Action Plan.’ One of the issues discussed was the need for a streamlined approach to labour mobility between the U.S. and Canada, especially in the oil and gas sector. PNWER’s goal is to work toward filling some important gaps in the infrastructure needs in the region, and encourage skilled tradesmen to “stay in the region,” with a specific focus on providing assistance for temporary worker visas from the U.S. Related to this project PNWER is exploring how U.S. Veterans could use the skills they have learned in the Military to meet the certification requirements in Canada. Through our Annual Summits and regional meetings, PNWER showcases best practices across the region for workforce training including training specialized for our large population of indigenous people.

Partners

- Edmonton Economic Development Corporation
- Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers
- Washington State Employment Services Division
- Oregon State Apprenticeship and Training Division
- Washington State Training Board
- Edmonds Community College (WA)
- Human Resources and Skills Development Canada
- Western Economic Diversification Canada
- The Governments of Alberta, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia

Pacific NorthWest Economic Region and Future Workforce Needs

Leveraging Our Current Workforce

U.S. Military Service Member Engagement

Currently, in Canada, members of the Armed Services that complete their tours of duty can leave the military with a trade certification that is accepted in all the provinces and territories. PNWER is working towards a process that will allow veteran U.S. Service Members to use their military experience and training. PNWER's goal is to encourage a similar process in the U.S., so Veterans can have recognized credentials across the region. PNWER is working through our network of regional and federal leaders to identify how the region can ensure good quality jobs for members of the U.S. Military.

The Future

The Pacific Northwest (Alaska, Alberta, British Columbia, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Saskatchewan, Washington, Yukon and Northwest Territories) has over 22 million people and is one of the fastest growing regions of North America. Currently, the Pacific Northwest has a bi-national, regional advocate that works in collaboration with the public and private sectors. Over 60,000 positions in Alberta alone need to be filled in the immediate future. Our region needs to explore all the possibilities when it comes to ensuring growth for the future. PNWER engages private sector, government, and academia to learn how we can leverage our regional workforce. As our economies continue to grow we need to have a flexible and mobile workforce that can meet the needs of all our jurisdictions.



High Demand Occupations in Alberta

- ◇ Drilling Coordinators/Production Managers
- ◇ Industrial Electricians
- ◇ Carpenters
- ◇ Ironworkers
- ◇ Oil & gas well drilling workers
- ◇ Millwrights
- ◇ Machinists
- ◇ Plumbers and Pipe fitters
- ◇ Welders
- ◇ Heavy Duty Mechanics
- ◇ Heavy Equipment Technicians
- ◇ Boilermakers