



PNWER NAFTA Modernization Task Force

The potential renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) has brought to the forefront the topic of North American trade relationships and prompted a reexamination of the North American manufacturing platform and integrated supply chains that support the economies of all three countries. As Congress and the new U.S. administration move forward in reviewing NAFTA, each country is reexamining trade as it has existed under NAFTA for the past 23 years. Because of this, there is great uncertainty in regards to what a modernized NAFTA might look like.

In November 2016, the PNWER Board established a NAFTA Modernization Task Force to work toward developing a regional bi-national consensus of recommendations to update the agreement. The Task Force has held monthly calls with the goal of discussing key areas of interest to include in a modernized agreement and to develop a survey to reach out to the economic sectors across the binational region.

Members of the Task Force Include:

- PNWER Private Sector Working Group Co-chairs
- Alberta Economic Development & Trade
- Alberta Trade Policy – International, Economic Development & Trade
- Alaska Department of Commerce, Division of Economic Development
- BC Trade Policy and Negotiations
- Cascadia Institute
- Idaho Department of Agriculture, Market Development Division
- Idaho Dept. of Commerce
- Montana Dept. of Commerce
- Montana Governor's Office of Economic Development
- Northwest Territories Ministry of Industry, Tourism and Investment
- Business Oregon
- Saskatchewan International Relations, Executive Council & Office of the Premier
- Saskatchewan Trade Policy, Executive Council & Office of the Premier
- Washington Dept. of Commerce
- WA Governor's Advisor for Trade Policy
- Washington Council on International Trade
- Western Washington University - Border Policy Research Institute
- Yukon Economic Development

NAFTA Modernization Survey

Through this process PNWER has created a survey to gather feedback from across North America. This survey will collect data from industries and organizations on overarching principles that they would like to see included in a renegotiated NAFTA agreement. The questions in the survey are more specifically focused on Canada and the U.S., but anybody affected by NAFTA is encouraged to participate. The results of the survey will be presented at the PNWER Annual Summit in Portland, Oregon, July 23-27. **Please submit the survey before June 15.**

Link: bit.ly/naftasurvey

For more information or questions about the survey, please contact Nate Weigel, PNWER Program Coordinator at nate.weigel@pnwer.org or at 206-443-7723