

## **PNWER Background**

What is the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER)?

- Formed in 1991, PNWER is a statutory public-private sector partnership, representing the U.S. states of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington and the Canadian provinces and territories of Alberta, British Columbia, the Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan, and the Yukon.
- The mission of PNWER is to increase the economic well-being and quality of life for all citizens of the region, while maintaining and enhancing our natural environment.
- PNWER seeks to promote greater regional collaboration, enhance the competitiveness of the region in both domestic and international markets, and reduce trade and regulatory barriers.
- PNWER facilitates working groups consisting of public and private leaders to address specific issues impacting our regional economy. Each working group produces an action plan based on regional input. Working groups are led by both a private sector and a public sector co-chair.

### **Working groups include:**

- Agriculture
- Border & Trade
- Cross-Border Livestock Health
- Disaster Resilience
- Economic & Workforce Development
- Energy
- Forestry
- Innovation
- Invasive Species
- Mining
- Tourism
- Transportation
- Water Policy
- Workforce Development

Additionally, PNWER runs several programs and projects each with their own unique focus.

### **Active PNWER programs and projects include:**

- [Arctic Caucus](#)
- [Center for Regional Disaster Resilience \(CRDR\)](#)
- [Legislative Energy Horizon Institute \(LEHI\)](#)
- [PNWER Regional Tourism Council \(RTC\)](#)
- [Regional Infrastructure Accelerator \(RIA\)](#)

### **Current Grant Projects:**

- Port of Seattle Tourism Marketing Support Program
- Pacific Economic Development Canada Tourism Growth Program
- USDOT Regional Infrastructure Accelerator

### What does PNWER do?

Each year, PNWER:

- Hosts an annual summit in one of its provinces, states, or territories each summer. Priorities identified by attending delegates at the Annual Summit guide PNWER's work throughout the year.
- Hosts a smaller economic leadership forum each winter.
- Undertakes executive committee visits to Ottawa and Washington, D.C.
- Visits state and provincial capitals throughout the region to address concerns relevant to a particular jurisdiction and to update legislators on PNWER's efforts.
- Hosts regional meetings and conference calls with stakeholders, including government officials, business representatives, and academics, to support the activities of 16 working groups.

### Summit Boilerplate Language

The Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) has worked to enhance cross-border cooperation, trade and commerce while building trusted relationships for over 30 years. The value of building relationships and promoting collaboration amongst member states, provinces, and territories, both in the public and private sectors, is significant in ensuring that the region is one of the most diverse, competitive, and innovative in the world.

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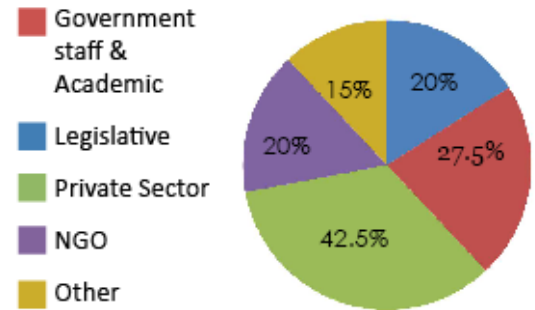
The Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER) is proud to host its 34th Annual Summit in Bellevue, Wash. from July 20-24, 2025. PNWER has been a leader in facilitating stakeholder engagement in the Pacific Northwest, as an organization chartered by the states of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington, and the western provinces and territories of Alberta, British Columbia, the Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan, and the Yukon. The Annual Summit will bring together over 600 state and provincial legislators and government and industry leaders from across the U.S. and Canada to discuss regional economic best practices and trade concerns, among other topics. It will be an opportunity to engage with our region's key decision makers from both sides of the border.

## PNWER Annual Summit Attendees

PNWER's Annual Summits attract delegates from across the public and private sector.

### Summit Attendance Breakdown:

- 630+ Total Delegates
- 60+ State, Provincial, and Territorial Legislators
- 50+ Corporate and NGO C-Suites, Directors, and VPs
- 15+ Federal Legislators
- 100+ Governmental Officials and Representatives
- 30+ Higher Education Presidents and Academics



## PNWER Leadership

PNWER leadership is composed of state and provincial leaders. Among these leaders is a president, vice presidents, and a delegate council from across the region.

### Current Leadership:

- **Hon. Travis Keisig**  
*Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan*
- **Rep. DeLena Johnson, Vice President**  
*Alaska State Legislature*
- **Hon. Sandy Silver, Vice President**  
*Yukon Legislative Assembly*
- **Rep. Britt Raybould**  
*Idaho State Legislature*
- **MLA Shane Getson**  
*Legislative Assembly of Alberta*
- **Rep. Cindy Ryu**  
*Washington State Legislature*