

Preliminary Conference Agenda

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16th Annual PNWER Summit
July 16-20, 2006

Sunday, July 16

8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Registration (Westin Hotel)
1:30 pm – 5:45 pm	PNWER Executive Committee Meeting (Westin Hotel)
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Welcome Reception (Hotel Fairmont Macdonald)

Monday, July 17

7:30 am – 4:00 pm	Registration (Westin Hotel)		
7:30 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast Opening Ceremonies Keynote Address: PNWER President Rep. Glenn Anderson, Conference Co-chairs Hon. Rob Renner, Eric Newell		
8:45 am – 11:45 am	Energy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislative Energy Taskforce Roundtable Energy Policy Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interconnection Standards Bio-fuel Incentives Coordinating Integrated Resource Planning Cycles and Criteria Energy Tax & Royalty Regimes 	Border Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of US - Canada border management Nexus, low risk implementation status Status report on Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) US Visit – update and status 	Sustainable Development / Invasive Species / Forestry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategies for addressing Mountain Pine Beetle Infestations Best Practices for Strategic Land Use Planning Developing an inventory of sustainable best practices for the 2010 Olympics
12:00 pm – 1:15 pm	Lunch Keynote Address: Alberta Premier Ralph Klein		
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Energy II (Emerging Technologies) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Best Practices for Enhanced Renewable Energy Adoption Clean Coal Technologies Hydrogen Highway 	Healthcare Innovations Symposium (Held at the Capital Health Authority) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examples of innovative approaches being developed through the Capital Health Authority (pediatric cardiac care, diabetes care, integrated information systems (netcare). Incorporating Innovations in Health Care: Using Evidence, Driving Quality 	Tourism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative 2010 Coordinating Council Regional Tourism Initiative
3:45 pm – 5:45 pm	China Energy Roundtable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special Roundtable Discussion with Chinese State Energy Officials on China's Market for Innovative and Smart Technologies Co-hosted with the Energy Council and the Univ. of Alberta's China Institute 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthcare Tours MacKenzie Health Science Centre University of Alberta-Stollery Children's Hospital Alberta Heart Institute 	Water Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global water crisis implications for the Pacific Northwest updating current compacts and treaties to meet future political social economic and environmental requirements
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Welcome Reception (Edmonton City Hall)		
9:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Hospitality Suite (Westin Hotel)		

Tuesday, July 18

7:30 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast Keynote Address: Hon. Stockwell Day, Minister of Public Safety (<i>Invited</i>)			
8:45 am – 11:45 am	Workforce Development/Energy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forecast of Workforce Needs for Major Infrastructure Projects (Alaskan Natural Gas Pipeline, Oil Sands) Worker Mobility: How do we overcome obstacles to greater workforce mobility? 	Trade and Economic Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AB - BC Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Innovative Regional Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aerospace/UVS Update on progress and opportunities related to the 2010 Olympics 	Agriculture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on regional Agricultural Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bluetongue Anaplasmosis WTO Perspectives Bio-fuels - Ethanol Avian Influenza 12:00 pm Policy Tour - Visit to the Ukrainian Village for lunch as well as a tour and presentation of local Bio-fuel Plant 	Homeland Security Pandemic Preparedness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal Planning Efforts Regional Planning Efforts– Special Focus on Alberta Pandemic Planning Process to Date Tools and Best Practices from Across the Region

Tuesday, July 18 (continued)

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch Keynote Address; Secretary Samuel Bodman, Secretary of US Department of Energy (Invited)			
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Energy-Transmission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> US Energy Policy Act of 2005-Implementation of Energy Corridors Bi-national collaboration on Energy Corridor Development Analysis of regional transmission congestion Northern Lights Project 	Transportation I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bi-national Pacific Gateway (US) Pacific Gateway Project(Canada0 Forecast of Intermodal Freight Infrastructure Development Needs for the Region 	Agriculture Policy Tour (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit to the Ukrainian Village for lunch as well as a tour and presentation of local Bio-fuel Plant 	Homeland Security Pandemic Preparedness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roles and responsibilities of the private sector and government prior to and during a pandemic Continuity of government and business planning – Regional report card
3:45 pm – 5:45 pm	Energy-High Voltage DC Symposium <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advances in HVDC Technology How new technologies are addressing transmission congestion around the world 	Transportation II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern Corridor Development Northern Rail Study (Alaska-Yukon) 		Homeland Security Policy Tour: Alberta Emergency Management Operations Center
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Reception Sponsored by Canadian Consulate (Westin Hotel)			
9:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Hospitality Suite			

Wednesday, July 19

7:30 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast Keynote Address: Hon. Rona Ambrose, Minister of Environment (Invited)		
8:45 am – 11:45 am	Energy-Bi-National Regional Planning Initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on Regional Forums Development of Action Plan Next Steps 	High Tech Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How are states and provinces investing in the high tech future Information and Communication Technology Institute of Alberta - National Institute for Nanotechnology 	Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marine Air Pollution Regional Best Practices: Strategic Land Use Planning
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch Keynote Address: US Secretary Carlos Gutierrez, Secretary of US Department of Commerce The Security & Prosperity Partnership (Invited)		
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Energy Policy Tour: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tour of EPCOR's Genesee III Clean Coal Plant 	Telecommunications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The convergence of wireless technologies Policy Issues - Wireless mesh technologies Voice over IP Policy Issues 	Workforce Development II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How will we find or train the necessary skilled workers for the projected development in the region over the next decade? Expanding temporary worker visas Aboriginal workforce development
3:45pm – 5:45 pm	PNWER Executive Committee Meeting (All Delegates Welcome)		
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	PNWER Presidential Dinner and Alaska Banquet Toward the 2007 Summit in Anchorage (Hotel Fairmont Macdonald)		
9:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Hospitality Suite		

Thursday, July 20

7:30 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast
8:00am - 5:00pm	Oil Sands Policy Tour (By invitation only, check website for details) Other Policy Tours—See Website for Updates

