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Cross-Border Economic Leadership Forum to be Held in Portland, Oregon, December 4-6

State and provincial legislators and business leaders from Western Canada and the Pacific Northwest states will convene in-person and virtually at the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region's (PNWER) Economic Leadership Forum in Portland, Oregon, on December 4-6, 2022. This bi-national hybrid event will bring together delegates from the PNWER U.S. jurisdictions of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington, and the Canadian provinces and territories of Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan, and the Yukon. Delegates will meet at the Hilton Portland Downtown and virtually to discuss North American energy security and sustainability, regional infrastructure, supply chain issues, broadband accessibility, disaster resilience, and more.

The 2022 PNWER Economic Leadership Forum will feature a number of high-profile speakers who will address attendees during the three-day meeting. The full agenda and over 30 speaker biographies can be viewed at www.pnwer.org/2022-forum. The following are just some of the notable speakers:

- **U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski of Alaska (*appearing virtually*)**
- **Lieutenant Governor Denny Heck, State of Washington**
- **David Don, Senior VP for Public Policy, Comcast Corporation**
- **Willie Nunn, Regional Administrator, Region 10, FEMA**
- **Curtis Robinhold, Executive Director, Port of Portland**

The PNWER Economic Leadership Forum will also highlight a wide array of regional issues during the conference. The following are some of the critical issues that delegates will address in targeted sessions:

- **Formulating a North American Energy Security and Sustainability Framework**
- **Navigating disruptions and seizing opportunities in supply chain resiliency, in reflection of regional and global challenges, while addressing the unanticipated impact of geo-political turmoil**
- **Highlighting the importance of public-private partnerships in the U.S. and Canada with a specific focus on transportation and affordable housing**
- **Regional roundtable discussion on key legislative priorities for 2023 sessions**
- **Increasing accessibility to reliable, affordable broadband**

- **Aligning utility business models with transportation electrification goals**
- **Exploring regional and equitable infrastructure investment to plan strategically for the future of the regional economy**

For more information on the Economic Leadership Forum and to view the full agenda, visit www.pnwer.org/2022-forum.

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Please fill out the media credential form and access PNWER backgrounder and other materials at www.pnwer.org/2022-forum-media. Online access to the conference will be shared when your form is received.

ABOUT PNWER

The Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER) is a public/private non-profit organization created by statute in 1991. Member jurisdictions include Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington, and the Canadian provinces and territories of Alberta, British Columbia, the Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan, and the Yukon. PNWER's mission is to increase the economic well-being and quality of life for all citizens of the region; identify and promote "models of success; and serve as a conduit to exchange information. For more information on PNWER, visit www.pnwer.org.

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