
Pacific Northwest Economic Region

Global Challenges | Regional Solutions

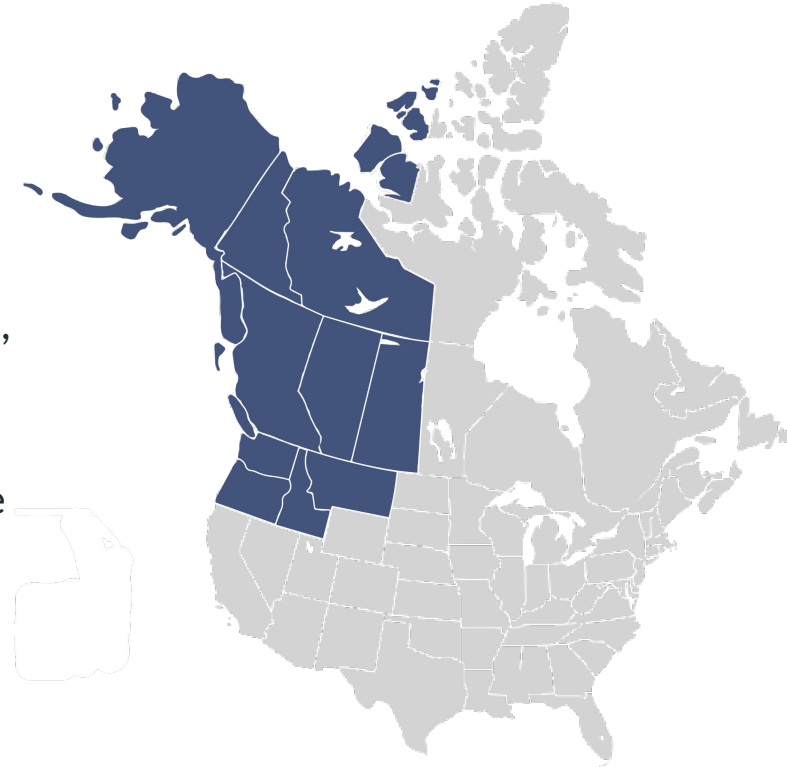


About PNWER

Promoting Greater Regional Collaboration

PNWER is a public-private partnership chartered by the states of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington; the western Canadian provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan; and Yukon and Northwest Territories.

PNWER is recognized by the federal governments as the model for regional and bi-national cooperation because of its proven success. It is the leading forum where people in the policy world and business world come together to determine solutions to regional challenges.



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The U.S. - Canada Partnership

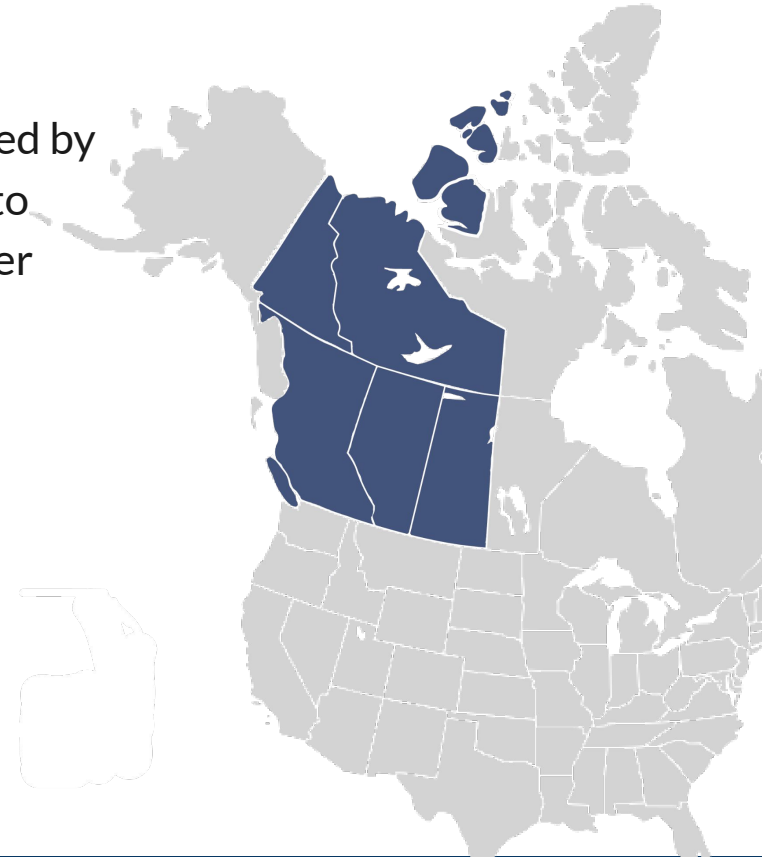
A Bi-National Economic Platform

- \$2 billion (USD) in goods and services crosses the Canada-United States border every day
- Economic watersheds flow north and south across the border
- Canada and the U.S. are each other's largest source of direct investment
- PNWER works with stakeholders to identify and reduce trade impediments



PNWER Canada

PNWER Canada, established in 2006, is being re-energized by a grant from the B.C. government for the next two years to leverage PNWER's success by focusing on bringing greater benefit to Western Canadian jurisdictions through cross border projects highlighting BC's regional priorities.



PNWER Canada Board



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Secretary/treasurer

PNWER Canada Priority Projects

PNWER Canada has identified three proposed projects to direct its focus towards over the next several years:

1. **Pacific Northwest Hydrogen Hub Plan:** Connecting the PNW Hydrogen Hub Initiative to innovations in H2 technology in B.C. and Alberta.
2. **PNWER Regional Tourism Council Plan:** Engaging public and private stakeholders to develop a plan to prepare for an increase in Tourism to our region surrounding FIFA and beyond.
3. **Electrification Workforce Development Plan:** Help cultivate a skilled workforce capable of meeting the needs of the electrified economy.



33RD PNWER ANNUAL SUMMIT

JULY 21-25, 2024 | WHISTLER, BC

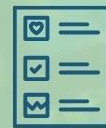
WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

The PNWER Annual Summit provides the opportunity to:

- Learn about key economic issues facing the region
- Collaborate and establish partnerships with Canadian & U.S. public & private sector leaders
- Strengthen regional networks and cooperation
- Advocate for regional policies and cross-jurisdictional initiatives



10 Provinces,
States, &
Territories



20+ Sessions
& Networking
Breaks



125+ Speakers
from Canada
& the U.S.



500+ Legislators,
Business Leaders,
& Decision Makers

Learn more at www.pnwer.org/2024-summit

PNWER Working Groups

PNWER addresses a breadth of regional issues through working groups. Each working group is coordinated by a PNWER staff member and headed by two co-chairs, one from the private sector and one from the public sector.



Agriculture



**Economic & Workforce
Development**



Invasive Species



Border & Trade



Energy



Mining



**Cross-Border
Livestock Health**



Forestry



Tourism



Disaster Resilience



Innovation



Transportation



Water Policy

Regional Infrastructure Accelerator

www.RIANorthwest.org

PNWER's Regional Infrastructure Accelerator is a USDOT-funded program that connects multi-state transportation projects with innovative federal financing mechanisms, including TIFIA and RRIF loan programs and Public-Private Partnerships (P3s).



Build Northwest Center of Excellence

Serves as the overarching platform for all outreach activities, offering education on innovative federal financing tools.

- Hosted TIFIA/RRIF action plan workshop at Alaska Municipal League (AML) Annual Conference



High Performance Rail

Improve performance and safety of existing passenger and freight rail systems by identifying and bundling rail projects.

- Assisted City of Spokane Valley, WA in securing a \$21 million RAISE grant for the Pines Road grade separation



Zero-Emission Commercial Refueling

Supporting development of zero-emission refueling infrastructure for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles along freight corridors.

- Drayage decarbonization at Ports of Seattle and Tacoma
- Designing a zero-emission vehicle incentive program on behalf of the WA Joint Transportation Committee



Critical Connections

Improve connectivity of Tribal nations and rural communities by updating, replacing or improving connective infrastructure.

- Working with AML to assist AK coastal communities with bundling projects, and identifying project funding and financing sources

PNWER Regional Tourism Council

- Proposed during PNWER Annual Summit in Boise, ID in July 2023
- Approved by PNWER Executive Board in September 2023
- In-person Roundtable held at Port of Seattle with 30 public and industry leaders in October 2023
- Initial Focus: Readiness for the 2026 FIFA World Cup - Cross-border collaboration on security, trade, and travel

PNWER Regional Tourism Council

Governance Structure

- Two representatives from each PNWER jurisdiction:
 - Elected Official
 - Industry Sector Member
- Serve for a term of two years
- Led by Public Official Chair and Industry Sector Chair elected from the Council members
- Supported by strategic sub-committee - Business Council

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Next Steps

- Seeking two AK representatives
 - Elected Official
 - Industry Sector Leader
- First Governance Meeting scheduled for mid-late March



Legislative Energy Horizon Institute (LEHI)

- A 60-hour certificate course over 2 sessions, LEHI helps policymakers understand how energy systems and infrastructure work; how energy infrastructure is built and financed; and the regulation and market impacts on energy infrastructure
- Institute Partners include PNWER, National Conference of State Legislatures, University of Idaho, National Governors Association, Dept. of Energy, Gov. of Canada, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Women in Government
- 400+ alumni since 2009. Legislators, governors advisors, and local policymakers from 45 US states and 5 Canadian provinces and territories, incl. 30 alumni from AK
- **2024 Dates: July 12 - 16, in Richland, WA and November 20 - 23, in Washington, D.C.**
- **Applications open late January.**
- **All legislators welcome to apply. Nominations from leadership and alumni encouraged.**
- More information at www.lehi.institute



LEHI Alaska Alumni

- Sen. Tom Begich '19
- Sen. John Coghill '12
- Rep. Maxine Dibert '23
- Rep. Bryce Edgmon '14
- Rep. Anna Fairclough '10
- Rep. Eric Feige '12
- Corri Feige '21
(commissioner)
- Rep. Neal Foster '12
- Sen. Berta Gardner '15
- Sen. Cathy Giessel '12
- Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson '21
- Rep. Doug Isaacson '14
- Rep. DeLena Johnson '17
- Rep. Andy Josephson '15
- Sen. James Kaufman '23
- Sen. Jessie Kiehl '21
- Adam Leggett '23 (Tribal
Energy Representative)
- Sen. Lesil McGuire '14
- Sen. Kevin Meyer '17
- Rep. Charisse Millett '13
- Rep. Mark Neuman '10
- Rep. Sara Rasmussen '22
- Rep. George Rauscher '17
- Sen. Josh Revak '21
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- Rep. Calvin Scharge '22
- Sen. Bert Stedman '10
- Rep. Geran Tarr '17
- Sen. Gene Therriault '10
- Rep. Chris Tuck '13

PNWER Arctic Caucus

Current Leadership

- Minister Caroline Wawzonek, NWT
- Minister Sandy Silver, YK
- Senate President Gary Stevens, AK
- Rep. Kevin McCabe, AK

