



Pacific North West Economic Region



PNWER is a statutory, public-private partnership chartered in 1991 by the U.S. States of Alaska, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and the Canadian Provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Yukon and Northwest Territories.

Mission: To increase the economic well-being and quality of life for all citizens of the region, while maintaining and enhancing our natural environment.

**“PNWER is the gold standard in advancing
U.S. - Canada relations.”**

- Former U.S. Ambassador to Canada Bruce Heyman

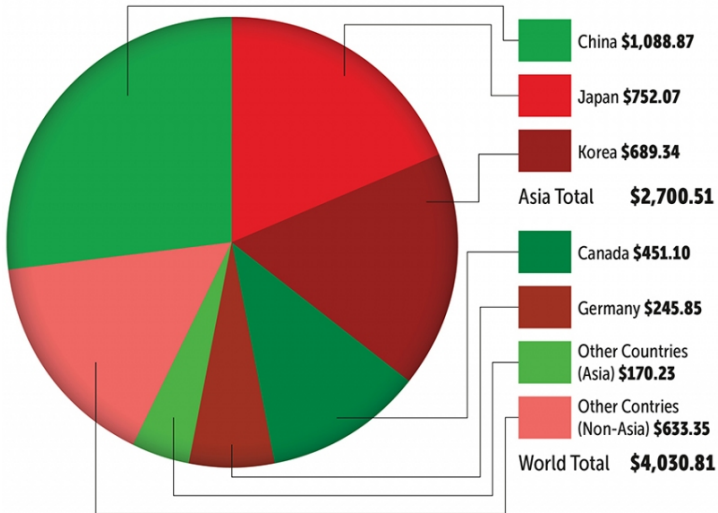


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Bi-National Economic Platform

Alaska Exports to the World
January-October 2016 (USD Millions)



Data Source: Office of Trade And Economic Analysis, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce

- \$2 billion (USD) in goods and services crosses the Canada-United States border every day. \$451 Million USD to Canada
- 380,000 people cross the border every day.
- Economic watersheds flow North and South and East and West 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.

Alaska State Leadership

Delegates

Rep. Bryce Edgmon

Rep. Charisse Millett

Rep. Chris Tuck (Alt)

Sen. Kevin Meyer

Sen. Berta Gardner

Sen. Cathy Giessel (Alt)

Sen. Bill Wielechowski (Alt)

Working group Co-Chairs

Rep. David Talerico

Mining WG

Sen. Mia Costello

Innovation WG



Secretary of Homeland Security John Kelly visits PNWER



Top diplomats from US and Canadian Embassies at 2017 Summit



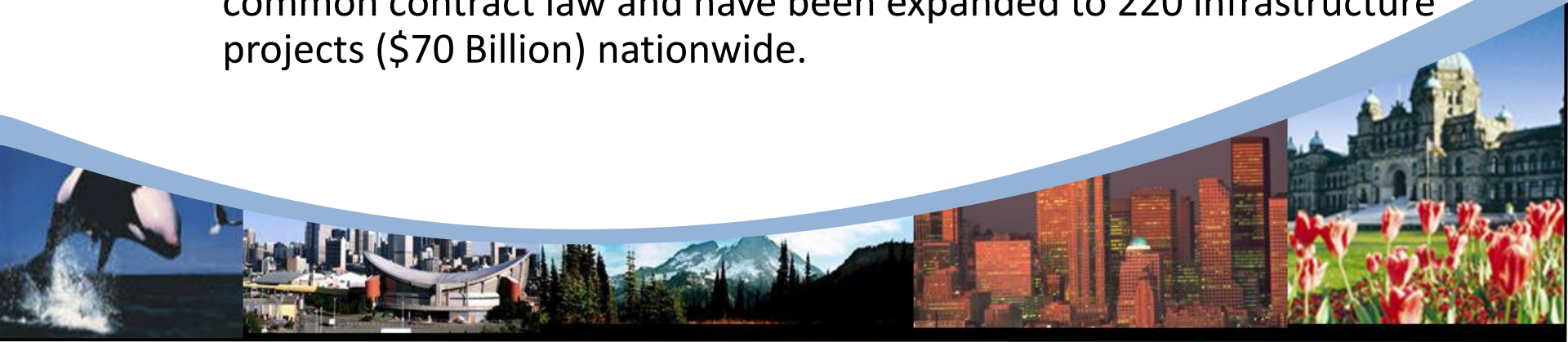
Hon. Lawrence MacAulay, Ministry of Agriculture, engages with agriculture stakeholders

PNWER Working Groups



INNOVATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE

- Traditional funding mechanisms for large-scale infrastructure and transportation projects have been challenged in recent years. A major challenge is the absence of resources to explore innovative procurement methods.
- The ***Innovative Infrastructure Finance Taskforce*** promotes best practices for public-private infrastructure financing.
 - Canadian experts in public-private partnerships have shared lessons learned with U.S. legislators and other stakeholders. Public private partnerships for innovative finance in Canada are applied through common contract law and have been expanded to 220 infrastructure projects (\$70 Billion) nationwide.



Federal Engagement



PNWER is currently working with Congressional leadership to secure the funding for the Regional Infrastructure Accelerator Demonstration Program authorized in the Fixing Americas Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of 2015.

Demonstration Center would:

- Assist states and municipalities in accessing existing funding sources
- Enable states to assess potential of innovative financing for proposed projects
- Support the streamlining of regulatory environment
- Promote multi-state, multi-use corridors



What is needed?



- Regional Infrastructure Accelerator Demonstration Program is currently included in House Omnibus Budget Bill. PNWER is working with NW Congressional Leadership on inclusion into Senate bill.
- 48 member bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus on Jan. 10th issued its recommendations for rebuilding faltering U.S. infrastructure including appropriation for the Infrastructure Program.
- PNWER requests support letters from appropriate transportation committees in NW states to Congressional Leadership.
- Topic to be addressed at PNWER Annual Summit in Spokane, July 22-26.



Workforce Initiatives Showcases

- Automation and robotics impact on the workforce and the overall economy. What will the jobs of tomorrow be?
- Oregon Manufacturing Innovation Center (OMIC) Boeing private sector engagement with youth training
- Washington State's Gov. Inslee awards \$6.4 million to 11 communities to create apprenticeship and career connections for 29,000 youth



PNWER 2018 Annual Summit

July 22- 26 | Spokane, WA



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2018 Annual Summit in Spokane, July 22-26

Keynote Speakers

20 Topic Areas

Policy Tours

Networking

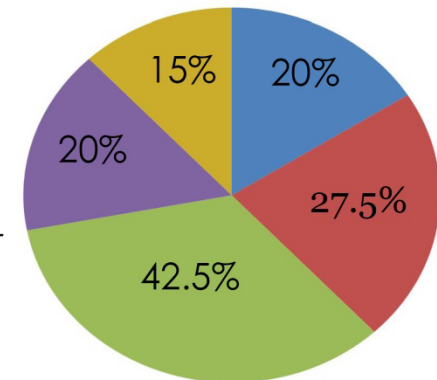
► Delegates

PNWER Summits routinely bring in 550+ outstanding attendees. Typical guest lists include:

- 60+ state, provincial and territorial legislators
- 50 corporate CEOs or VPs
- 60 NGO executive directors
- Several federal legislators
- 15 University Presidents
- 90+ governmental officials

Attendance breakdown

- Government staff & Academic
- Legislative
- Private Sector
- NGO
- Other



Highlighting Best Practices from Alaska

We need input on issues important to Alaska at this year's Summit in Spokane. All legislators are invited to become involved. Example topics:

- Natural Resource Development
- Innovation
- Climate Change Policy and Adaptation
- International Trade
- NAFTA Modernization
- Clean Tech and Energy Efficiency
- Infrastructure & Transportation
- Arctic Policy

