



PNWER Economic Leadership Forum

Grand Hyatt | Seattle, Washington
Nov. 17 - 19, 2019

AGENDA

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- 10:00 - 7:00pm Registration
- 12:00 - 1:00pm Executive Board Luncheon
- 1:00 - 4:00pm Executive Committee & Delegate Council Meeting (open to all)
- 5:00 - 6:00pm Welcome Reception

Opening Banquet - **What ties us together? Celebrating the common bonds in PNWER**

Featuring:

Introductory remarks by the PNWER President

Senator Mike Cuffe, Montana.

Sharing the federal perspective on the U.S. - Canada relationship

Consul General Brandon Lee, Consulate General of Canada, Seattle and

Consul General Katherine Dhanani, U.S. Consulate, Vancouver (invited)

Keynote address with an update on the Columbia River Treaty followed by tabletop discussions with delegates on the CRT

The Honourable Katrine Conroy, B.C. Minister Responsible for the Columbia River Treaty

- 9:00 - 11:00pm Hospitality Suite

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- 7:00 - 7:00pm Registration

7:30- 9:00am

Keynote Breakfast - **Accelerating the Pacific Northwest Economy through Innovation: Cascadia Innovation Corridor Progress**

Featuring:

Chris Gregoire, CEO, Challenge Seattle; Co-Chair of the Cascadia Innovation Corridor; former governor of Washington State

Greg D'Avignon, President & CEO, Business Council of British Columbia; Co-Chair of the Cascadia Innovation Corridor

The Cascadia Innovation Corridor (CIC) Partnership will facilitate cross-border knowledge exchange, jointly advance and integrate our common infrastructure needs, support strategies that accelerate the Pacific Northwest economy, create an innovative ecosystem that attracts capital and the world's top talent, and build a network of connected people, companies, capital, universities, colleges, and researchers.

9:15 - 10:45am

Session #1 - Innovation Ecosystems leading to Economic Growth: Globally relevant innovation is disrupting the region. The economic growth occurring in multiple sectors of the economy is being influenced by the digitization of Industry. The innovation session will explore how technology is changing manufacturing, logistics, and everyday life, and how commercial enterprises are connecting with the U.S. federal Department of Defense. How should government and industry work together to ensure workforce and communities are able to take on these global opportunities?

Featuring:

Bill Tam, Vice President, Business Development and Partner Relations, Canada's Digital Technology Supercluster

The Supercluster is a new initiative in partnership with the Government of Canada to develop economic clusters at scale by fostering ambitious, collaborative R&D projects that will drive the digital transformation of Canadian businesses and improve Canada's competitiveness globally.

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Session #1 - Innovation Ecosystems leading to Economic Growth (continued)

Jennifer Fox, Director, Chief of Staff, Autodesk

Autodesk developed the software that empowers numerous companies to create the innovations of tomorrow, and solve the problems of today. If you've ever driven a high-performance car, admired a towering skyscraper, used a smartphone, or watched a great film, chances are you've experienced what millions of Autodesk customers are doing with their software.

Jaime Fitzgibbon, Founder and CEO, Ren.ai.ssance Insights

Ren.ai.ssance Insights is a network of innovators, technologists, strategists, data scientists, lawyers, and business executives triggering conversation and strategic development plans around responsible and sustainable innovation in technology, society, and government.

Moderated by:

Nirav Desai, Senior Partner, Moonbeam Exchange

Moonbeam is a startup focused on rapid prototyping of solutions that address barriers to spatial and immersive computing technology adoption. One of their goals is to use big data to address big problems.

11:00 - 12:15 pm

Session #2 - Smart Grids

What is the future of using high-tech grid solutions? What does an efficient grid system look like? Featuring a panel discussion about the latest policy developments, changing role of utilities, and new technologies that will transform the way electrical grids work.

Featuring:

Karen Studarus, Resilience Team Lead, Electricity Infrastructure Group, Pacific Northwest National Lab

Snohomish County Public Utilities District (confirmed)

12:30 - 2:00pm

Keynote Plenary Luncheon - Out of this World: Panel on the Emerging Space Cluster in the Pacific Northwest

The Pacific Northwest region is an emerging commercial space industry cluster. Host to several large and small companies, the region stands to benefit economically from this cluster as it continues to expand. Space as a sector, has many commercial applications that we are only starting to see materialize. The luncheon plenary will provide delegates a showcase of diverse, leading companies in the region and explore how economic development and workforce policy can foster growth of this emerging cluster.

Featuring:

Curt Blake, Chief Executive Officer, Spaceflight Industries

Spaceflight Industries is a next-generation space company enabling access to space and redefining global intelligence. They are focused on removing the complexities and high cost that once prohibited the majority of organizations from getting to space and observing our planet. The combination of innovative satellite design, rideshare launch offerings, and geospatial intelligence services provide the insights that transform how we view ourselves and the planet on which we live.

Ken Young, General Manager, Aerojet Rocketdyne

Aerojet Rocketdyne is an important contributor in launching America's next space age, providing systems and components that will help us travel deeper into our solar system than ever before. Customers include the U.S. Department of Defense and NASA, where they provide a full range of propulsion and power systems for launch vehicles, satellites, and other space vehicles.

Moderated by:

Emily Wittman, President & CEO, Aerospace Futures Alliance and Washington State Space Coalition

The Aerospace Futures Alliance was formed in 2006 to provide aerospace companies with a single voice on policy issues affecting the sector.

2:15 - 3:30 pm

Session #3 - Transportation of Tomorrow

Autonomous, Connected, Electric and Shared mobility (ACES) promises to enhance our economic development, reduce carbon emissions, save lives, and mitigate traffic congestion. Previous PNWER sessions in Spokane, Victoria, and Saskatoon have explored the economic and environmental benefits of advanced technology in transportation. In this session, we will examine the region’s efforts on moving to a faster ACES adoption while exploring the rural-urban electric vehicle charging gap.

Featuring:

Tom Alberg, Managing Director & Co-Founder, Madrona Venture Group

Bryan Mistele, President & CEO, INRIX

INRIX is a leading provider of real-time transportation information, connected car services and analytics worldwide

Jennifer Harper, Business and Programs Developer, Energy Northwest; The Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Transportation Alliance (EVITA)

EVITA is leading the way to advocate for sustainable electric transportation infrastructure in Washington State and the Pacific Northwest. EVITA is preparing for accelerated consumer adoption of plug-in electric vehicles and wants to help their member utility customers better understand the technology.

Nathan Hambley, Policy & Communications Manager, Uber
Amazon Perspectives on ACES (invited)

Moderated by:

Bruce Agnew, Director, ACES Northwest Network

3:45 - 5:00 pm

Session #4 - Smarter Regions for the Future

Explore the ways that 5G networks and edge computing are creating innovative Smart Cities across the Pacific Northwest. Panelists will address several topic including: how government policies impact the ability of cities to become ‘smarter’; the challenges and opportunities of 5G; how technology is fundamentally changing the way we live, work, commute, and more.

Featuring:

Azmeena Hasham, Distinguished Architect, Smart Communities - Transportation/ Mobility, Verizon

Kim Zentz, Chief Executive Officer, Urbanova

Michael Boyle, Strategic Planning Director, Westin Building Exchange
Canadian Smart Cities Challenge Representative

Moderated by:

Zack Hudgins, State Representative, Washington State Legislature (invited)

5:30 - 7:00pm

Evening Networking Reception - Join legislators and government and industry professionals for an evening reception hosted by the Canadian Engineering and Geoscience Regulators.

9:00 - 11:00pm

Hospitality Suite

7:00 - 4:00pm

Registration

7:30 - 9:00am

Keynote Breakfast Plenary - What is the Deal with Trade?
PNWER is one of the most trade dependent regions in the world! Get the latest data and hear from the leading experts in the region on the impact of tariffs, USMCA/CUSMA and the ongoing trade wars.
Featuring:
Maria Ellis, Executive Director, Pacific Northwest International Trade Association;
Portland Business Alliance
Robert Hamilton, Governor’s Advisor for Trade Policy, WA Department of Commerce
Lori Otto Punke, President, Washington Council on International Trade

Moderated by: **Edward Alden**, Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations

9:45 - 12:00pm

Working Waterfront and Maritime Innovation Tour, hosted by Argosy Cruises

All participants will join this session to explore the dynamics of global trade impacting the region during this working tour of Elliott Bay. Participants will hear from port leaders, shipping, rail, and other stakeholders to learn more about the impact of changing global trade patterns, intermodal transportation linkages, and the impact of tariffs on trade.

Featuring:

- David Gudgel**, CEO, Clipper
- Commander Nate Menefee**, United States Coast Guard, Sector Puget Sound
- Joe Ritzman**, Vice President, SSA Marine
- Linda Styrk**, Executive Director, Puget Sound Pilots
- Rear Admiral Anthony "Jack" Vogt**, Commander, Thirteenth Coast Guard District
- Captain Michael Moore**, Vice President, Pacific Merchant Shipping Association
- Amy Scarton**, Director, Washington State Ferries
- Jill Mackie**, Senior Vice President Public Affairs, Vigor Industrial (invited)
- Friends of the Waterfront** (invited)

This session will take place on an Argosy Cruise charter. Bring warm clothes and your camera with you to breakfast!

12:30 - 2:00pm

Luncheon Keynote Plenary - **Roundtable of upcoming legislative sessions**: Hear from legislators on the main issues expected in their respective jurisdiction's upcoming legislative sessions.

Featuring:

- Rep. Gael Tarleton**, Washington State
- Richard Gotfried, MLA**, Alberta
- Sen. Chuck Winder**, Idaho
- Sen. Mia Costello**, Alaska

2:15 - 3:30 pm

Session #5 - Building the Border of the Future

Featuring an update on the Beyond Preclearance Coalition activities, Innovative airport technologies, and the status of the Land, Marine, Rail agreement.

Featuring:

- Solomon Wong**, President and Chief Executive Officer, InterVISTAS
InterVISTAS Consulting Group is a leading management consulting company with extensive expertise in aviation, transportation and tourism. Their consultants have delivered projects in over 76 countries around the world.
- Michael Freeman**, Assistant Director, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Moderator:

- Laurie Trautman**, Director, Border Policy Research Institute

3:45 - 5:00 pm

Session #6 - What's All the Buzz About? What is the Future of Drones?

Drones are being utilized in ways that would seem impossible just a few years ago. Our region has the chance to be the world leader on drone technology. Hear from experts on how drones are being used to mitigate disasters, inspect critical infrastructure, protect the public good, and more. Is your state/provincial policy in line with federal regulations?

Featuring:

- Bryan Norton**, Deputy City Attorney, City of Boise
Is your state making unconstitutional laws related to drone policy?
- Charlton Evans**, CEO, End State Solutions LLC
- Douglas Spotted Eagle**, Founder, Sundance Media Group LLC

5:30 - 7:00pm

Evening Reception at the Amazon Spheres - Enjoy this opportunity to network with legislators and policy professionals at one of Seattle's newest attractions!