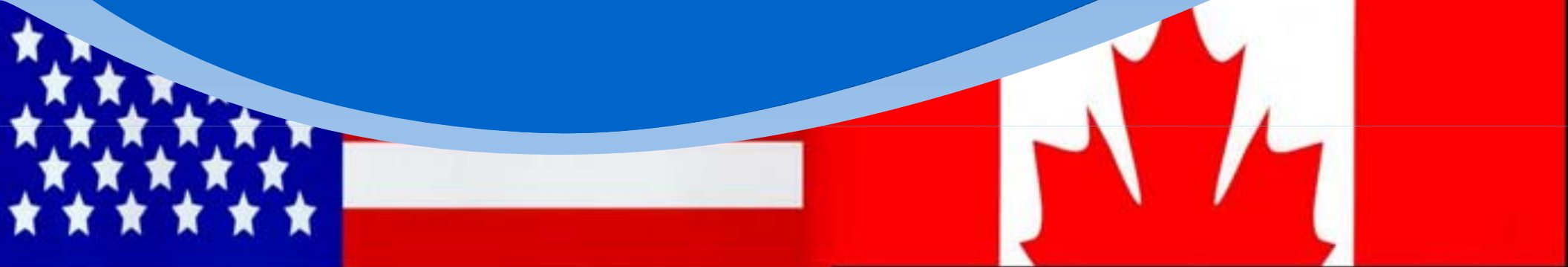




Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER)

**“Geography has made us neighbors. History has made us friends. Economics has made us partners, and necessity has made us allies.” *John F. Kennedy*
May 17, 1961**

*Matt Morrison
Executive Director*



Economic Watersheds flow North – South in the PNWER Region

- PNWER – formed by statute in 1991
- PNWER is a Public/Private Partnership
- Alaska, Alberta, British Columbia, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Washington, Yukon



'An Economic Engine of Growth'

If PNWER were a separate country, it would rank ninth in total GDP, just ahead of Canada.

Country GDP*

- 1. US 11,927,094***
- 2. Japan 4,505,912***
- 3. Germany 2,781,900***
- 4. China 2,228,862***
- 5. U.K. 2,192,553***
- 6. France 2,110,185***
- 7. Italy 1,723,044***
- 8. Spain 1,123,691***
- 9. PNWER 848,906***
- 10. Canada 794,260***
- 11. Brazil 794,098***

PNWER Region (GDP/Pop.)

<i>State/Prov.</i>	<i>GDP*</i>	<i>Population</i>
<i>Alberta</i>	<i>180,300</i>	<i>3,413,464</i>
<i>B.C.</i>	<i>139,377</i>	<i>4,327,431</i>
<i>Yukon</i>	<i>1,255</i>	<i>31,151</i>
<i>Alaska</i>	<i>39,314</i>	<i>670,053</i>
<i>Idaho</i>	<i>47,189</i>	<i>1,466,465</i>
<i>Montana</i>	<i>29,885</i>	<i>944,632</i>
<i>Oregon</i>	<i>144,278</i>	<i>3,700,758</i>
<i>Wash.</i>	<i>267,308</i>	<i>6,395,798</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>848,906</i>	<i>20,949,752</i>



GDP Growth since NAFTA

(billions of US\$ and CN\$)

<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>1990</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>% Change</i>
Alaska	25	34	36%
Idaho	17.8	43.6	145%
Montana	13.4	27.5	105%
Oregon	57.3	128.1	124%
Washington	115.7	261.5	126%
Alberta	72.4	187.2	159%
British Columbia	74.1	157.2	112%
Yukon Territory	1.2	1.4	22%
PNWER Total	376.9	840.5	123%
United States	5803.1	11734.3	102%
Canada	679.9	1290.2	90%





PNWER Organization

Each State

House Republican
Caucus

House Democrat
Caucus

Senate Republican
Caucus

Senate Democrat
Caucus

1 Executive
Committee Member

Executive Committee

- 8 Legislators
- 8 Private Sector Members
- Governors/Premiers (or designee)
- PNWER Executive Director

Each Province

Government

(It is customary for the government to work with the opposition in the selection of delegates)

4 MLAs

1 Executive
Committee Member

Private Sector
Council

4 Board
Members

1 Executive
Committee Member
from each
state/province



PNWER Working Groups

Agriculture

**Border
Issues**

Environment

Energy

**Health
Care**

Forestry

**Invasive
Species**

High-Tech

**Sustainable
Development**

**Homeland
Security**

Trade

Tourism

**Each Working
Group has a Public
& Private Sector
Co-Chair**

Transportation

**Workforce
Development**



Major PNWER Initiatives

Homeland
Security

Center for
REGIONAL DISASTER RESILIENCE

2010 Olympic Coordination
Council

TERRA NW
2010 IN SIGHT

PNWER Bi-National
Energy Planning
Initiative



R&D NW Innovation Network

Workforce Development



US–Canada Homeland Security



US Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff and Canadian Minister of Public Safety Stockwell Day at the 2006 PNWER Annual Summit in Edmonton, AB

PNWER is a living testament to the close relationship between our two countries."
- Michael Chertoff, US Secretary of Homeland Security



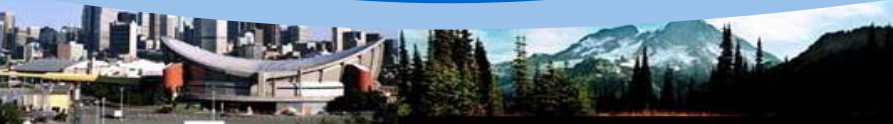
PNWER Summit July 22-26, 2006, Edmonton

“This organization [PNWER] has had a profound impact on policymaking.” Minister of Public Safety Stockwell Day (right) with Secretary Chertoff at the PNWER Annual Summit, July 18, 2006



WHTI – WA/BC Pilot

- Led by British Columbia Premier and Washington Governor Gregoire
- Ottawa and DC agreed to consider a pilot
- Impetus came from stakeholders seriously concerned about economic impacts of WHTI
- DHS signed MOU with Washington State and with Stockwell Day



BC - Washington Enhanced Drivers License Pilot



- Washington State and DHS will pilot an enhanced driver's license for use as personal identification for border crossings. The test sites will include the major crossing areas that will be used in U.S. – Canadian traffic flow during the all the upcoming Vancouver, B.C. international athletic events.







WA/BC 2010 Security

- The WA 2010 Security Committee focus is to *“Synchronize federal, tribal, state, local and Canadian Security Partners to provide a safe, secure Washington State and northern border region in conjunction with the 2009 World Police and Fire Games and 2010 Olympics & Paralympics Games.”*



Chertoff CEO Roundtable, March 23, 2007



Matt Morrison
OWNER

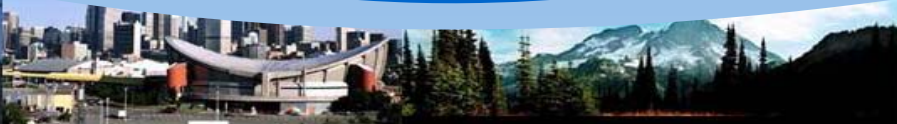
Timothy Lowenberg
WA Veterans Dept.

Michael Chertoff
Dept. of Homeland Security

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Critical Infrastructure Cross Border Exercises

- Blue Cascades I – June 2002 – Terrorist attack on bi-national grid system causes massive cascading outages throughout west coast
215 stakeholders from 7 jurisdictions – leads to formation of PNWER Partnership for Regional Infrastructure Security
- Blue Cascades II – focus on cyber attack – leads to formation of Cyber Security Council endorsed by DHS



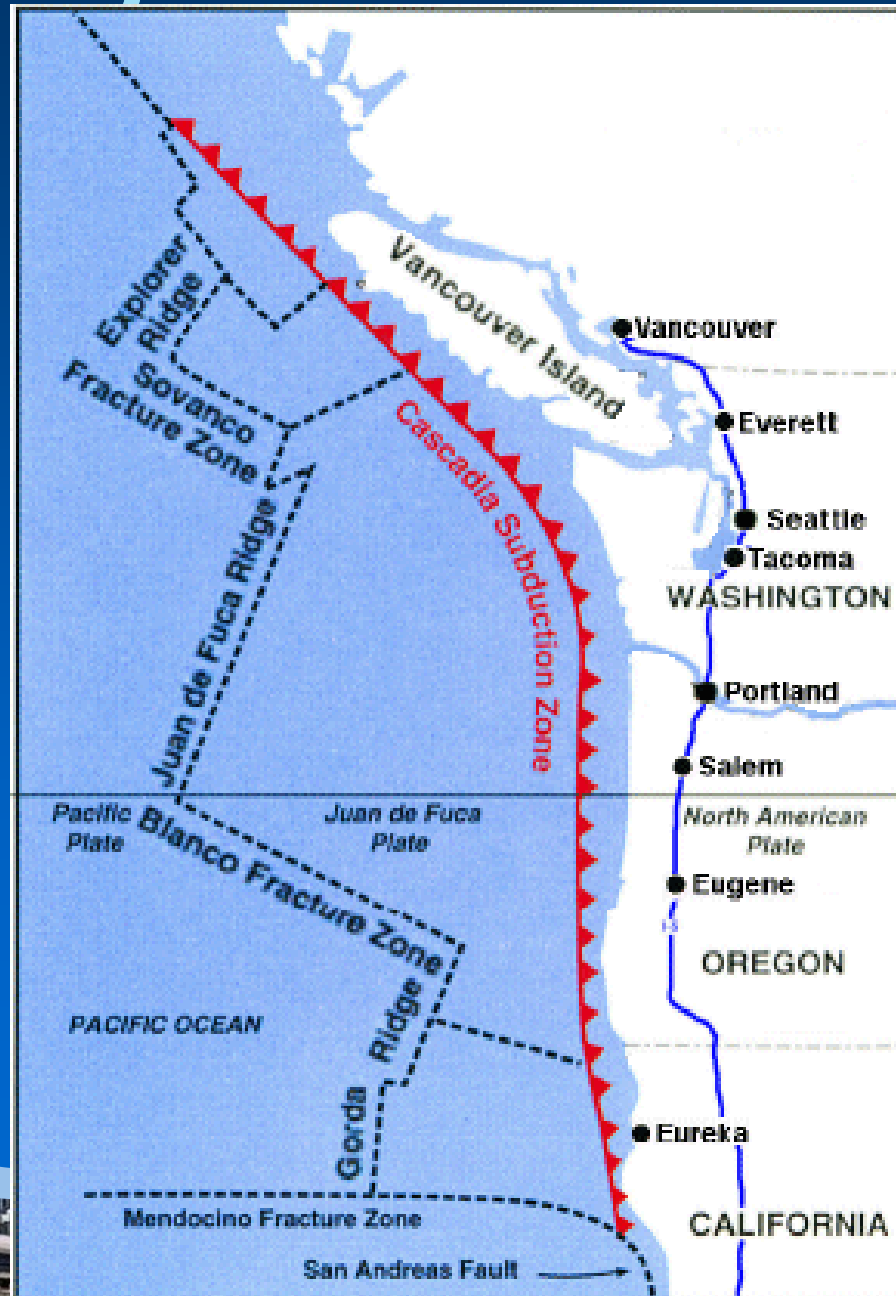
Blue Cascades III – Mar. 06

- Scenario represented the Northwest's 'Katrina' – a large earthquake
- Included 350 Participants for a full 2 day event with PSEP-C and DHS officials
- Representatives of 150 different organizations from 5 states and 2 Canadian provinces participated



Blue Cascades III – 9.0

Earthquake off the coast

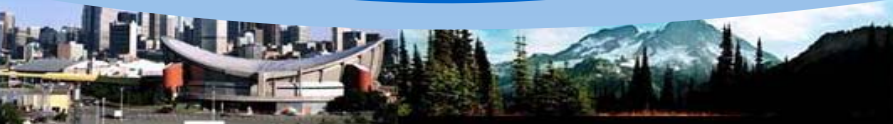


350 Experts at Blue Cascades III Tabletop Exercise last Spring in Bellevue, Washington



Blue Cascades IV - Jan. 07

- Focus on Pandemic Influenza Outbreak and Cross Border Response
- Critical Infrastructures – banking & finance, energy, transportation, telecommunications were a focus
- Canada's experience with SARS and its government delivered health care offered tremendous insights to stakeholders



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Blue Cascades IV
Critical Infrastructure
Pandemic Preparedness

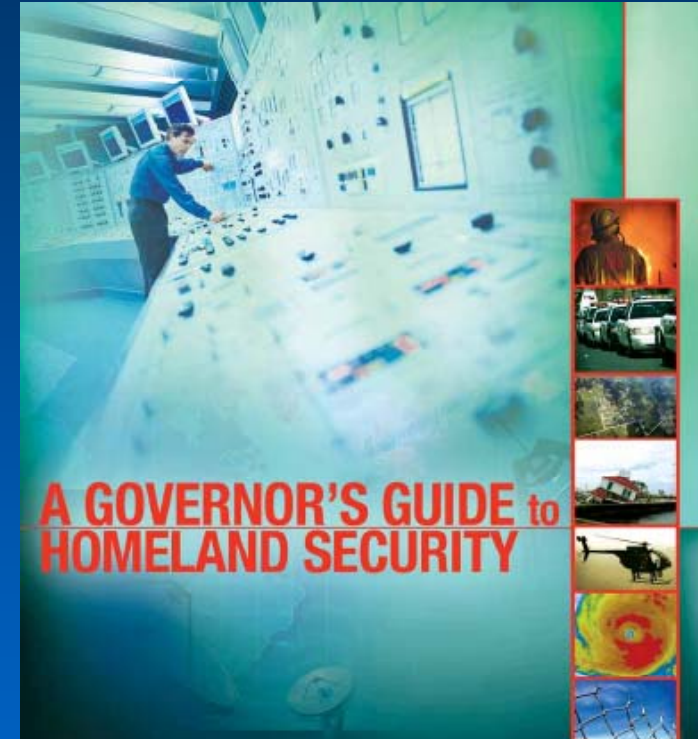
DHS NIPP and Nat'l Governor's Association Guide



PNWER was referenced in the National Infrastructure Protection Plan as the model for bringing the public and private sectors together to address critical infrastructure protection issues. - July 2006

National Infrastructure Protection Plan

2006



PNWER was listed as a best practice for working with other states and provinces to address critical infrastructure security issues in the NGA's Governor's Guide to Homeland Security - March 2007



Regional Disaster Resilience

<http://www.pnwer.org/portal>

Center for
REGIONAL DISASTER RESILIENCE

- Federal, state/provincial, county plans
- Pandemic plans
- Best Practices
- CIP Yellow Pages Director
- Regional Exercise Calendar
- Links to Partnerships
- Exercise reports
- Presentations
- Sector specific web portal with secure access
- Searchable document library



Critical Infrastructure & Energy Security

- Recognition that the Region is highly interconnected
- Energy Security depends on cross border planning, cooperation, and building trust among policymakers
- Communicating our interdependence is vital for the economic future of North America



Competitiveness and Border Security

- Global markets demand that US/Canada border be much smarter and more efficient
- PNWER has program to develop stakeholder designed pilots for common sense solutions to business and trade impediments
- Working on Labor mobility and licensing reciprocity study



Global Manufacturing

- Boeing Model – 787 Dreamliner - move the work to the workers – takes advantage of global market pressures, while stabilizing high level skills of local workers
- Oil Sands facing higher costs due to workforce shortages – CAPP interested in applying a similar strategy



Security & Prosperity Partnership

- Competitiveness Solutions – most successful ideas come from those experiencing the obstacles
- Need more stakeholder driven processes to address common sense solutions
- Partnership approach works



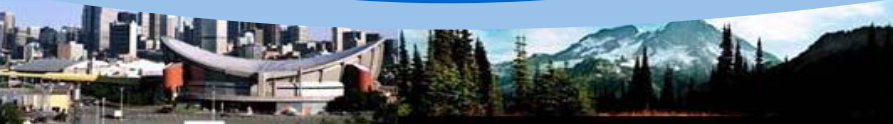
Horizon

- Huge Role for State – Provincial leadership in building consensus for border security issues
- Ottawa and DC should foster regional ‘test bed’ solutions, and adopt tested mechanisms that work
- Structures that facilitate ongoing cross border work and trust building are essential



Bi-National Energy Planning Council

- Funded by US Dept of Energy – in 2005, BC & Alberta in 2006
- Led by PNWER Legislative Energy Chair and Minister's Task Force
- Working regionally to develop solutions to future energy demand and transmission congestion
- Integrated Resource Planning for the Bi-National PNWER Region



Recommendations

- Huge 'Mega-Projects' demand that there be greater cross-border, public-private cooperation at a policy level
- Workforce constraints will continue to grow – requires a concerted strategy to address skills shortages
- Transportation Stakeholders must be able to communicate value to the public to fund infrastructure improvements



North American Economic Integration

- Growth in trade and commerce will continue to make regions more important
- Transportation Infrastructure Crucial in preparing for the impending growth in the region
- Requires Regional Public/Private, cross-border collaboration – can't wait for DC and Ottawa



The Pacific NorthWest Economic Region

**“Here, on this continent, we present an example that other nations
some day surely will recognize and apply in their relationships
among themselves.” *Dwight D. Eisenhower (1953)***



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