

Final Report

MLA George Groeneveld
Pacific North West Economic Region (PNWER) State Capital Visit
Salem, Oregon
February 1-3, 2011

Overview:

MLA George Groeneveld, Chair of the Alberta PNWER Delegate Council, served as Alberta's legislative delegation on the PNWER State Capital Visit to Salem, Oregon, February 1-3, 2011.

Mission Objectives:

The mission was successful in meeting the following objectives:

1. Profile to Oregon legislators and officials that Alberta is a resourceful, responsible energy producer and a strong supporter of greater economic co-operation with the U.S.
2. Explore areas of mutual interest and opportunities to enhance trade in the Pacific Northwest.
3. Highlight the importance of efficient trade corridors between Alberta and the U.S. that includes efficient movement of goods through the border.
4. Promote Alberta-U.S. ties.

Results:

MLA George Groeneveld participated with the PNWER organization in meetings with Oregon legislators in the state capital, Salem. This provided an opportunity to discuss regional and current issues such as agriculture, transportation, workforce, and budget challenges related to the U.S. recovery from the recession. He reported on Alberta's economic outlook to the Oregon House Business and Labor Committee, and gave an overview on Alberta oil sands development and the province's commitment to remain a responsible and secure supplier of energy to the U.S. Meetings were also held with House and Senate leadership, the departments of Agriculture and Transportation, and legislators from various committees on both the House and Senate side of the Oregon Legislature.

Delegation:

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