

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel

Ministry	Executive Council	
Title of Travel	Pacific NorthWest Economic Leadership Forum 2017	
Location	Victoria, BC	
Date(s)	November 3 - 7, 2017	
Participants	Honourable Larry Doke, Minister of Government Relations (Saskatchewan Representative for Pacific NorthWest Economic Region) Lisa Harder, Senior International Relations Officer, International Relations, Intergovernmental Affairs, Executive Council	
Purpose of Travel	Attend Pacific NorthWest Economic Region Economic Leadership Forum	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees)		\$1,374.96
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, parking, trains, and buses)		\$ 404.39
Accommodation (including room charges, incidentals, related taxes and fees)		\$1,117.68
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$ 189.00
Conference & Registration Fees		\$1,018.72
Miscellaneous (including temporary cell phone upgrades, fax and internet charges, passport and visa fees, medical and inoculation fees, laundry and dry cleaning, and other sundry expenditures)		
	Subtotal	\$4,104.75
General Travel Expenditures		
Business Hosting Expenses (luncheon and/or dinner meetings hosted by the Government of Saskatchewan, including food, beverages, catering staff, service charges, equipment, and entertainment)		
Miscellaneous (Including meeting rooms, translator and interpreter fees, police security, publications, shipping charges, gifts)		
	Subtotal	\$
	TOTAL	\$4,104.75

Travel Activity Report Form

Overview of Travel and Objectives

The purpose of the travel was to attend the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER) Economic Leadership Forum.

- PNWER members include the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Montana and Washington, and the Canadian provinces/territories of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan (SK), Yukon and Northwest Territories.
- SK's objectives for the PNWER Economic Leadership Forum were to:
 - highlight the province's valued trading relationship with the United States (U.S.), and the importance of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA);
 - The U.S. is by far SK's largest and most important trading partner – 49% of SK's total exports (valued at \$12.9 billion) were sold into this market in 2016.
 - provide input on key issues discussed at the PNWER Executive Committee Meeting, including PNWER's strategic direction and budget;
 - promote the province's priorities for PNWER, including the importance of agricultural market access and improved energy infrastructure, and the prevention of the spread of aquatic invasive species;
 - contribute SK's perspective during the Economic Leadership Forum sessions on the differences between government systems in states and provinces; and,
 - develop and strengthen relationships with legislators and government officials at the provincial, state and federal levels, as well as with private sector participants.