



The CSIS Smart Border North Working Group invites you to:

The Pacific NorthWest Economic Region: Making the Border Work

Matt Morrison

Executive Director, PNWER

The Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER) is a public-private partnership comprised of five American states (Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington) and the Canadian provinces of Alberta and British Columbia as well as the Yukon Territory. Its mission is to foster sustainable economic development throughout the entire region (of approximately 18 million residents with an annual gross regional product of \$697 billion). With the increasing preoccupation with security and the emerging response on the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI), cross-border regions can lead the way in building solutions and consensus for North American integration. **Matt Morrison, PNWER's executive director**, will give an overview of the organization, its priority areas and the impact of a structure which brings together both public and private leadership on a regular basis.

The event will be hosted by Christopher Sands, CSIS senior associate, with comments on the latest PNWER summit by Tanya Primiani, CSIS research associate.

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3:00pm to 4:30pm

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4th Floor Conference Room

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