



Leadership Washington 2018: **An exclusive look at Washington state's industries, economy and the issues that will shape its future.**

Leadership Washington is the premier development program for the next generation of Washington state business leaders. This program, set in seven different regions across the state, expose tomorrow's leaders to an array of industries and the political landscape in Washington state. Graduates are strong, articulate, informed leaders who will guide businesses in a globally competitive economy.

Session Schedule

Session One: AWB Policy Summit, Suncadia Resort, Cle Elum – Sept. 19-21, 2017

Orientation, Leadership, Public Policy

The class kicks-off with an orientation to learn all aspects of AWB and become familiar with the cohort. The group engages in AWB's premier member only event, featuring multiple issue panels with legislative leadership, a prominent keynote speaker and the unique opportunity to network with statewide leadership.

Session Two: Tri-Cities – October 26-27, 2017

Agriculture, Immigration, Food Processing

Based in the agricultural heart of the state, participants will gain knowledge of all aspects of the industry, as well as the culture of the diverse business environment in the region. Discover the national laboratory that is addressing challenging problems in energy, the environment and national security.

Session Three: Seattle – November 16-17, 2017

Import/Export, Technology, Research

In the international hub of the state, experience the fast paced technology industry and the role research plays in growth and sustainability. As the most trade dependent state in the county, participants will gain an understand about the Import/Export market.

Session Four: AWB Legislative Day & Hill Climb (LDHC), Olympia – January 15-17, 2018

Role of Business in Public Policy and Politics, Military

Engage with business leaders, legislators and special guests at LDHC with the message – keep businesses priorities top-of-mind with our elected officials, including a Hill Climb to speak directly to legislators. Understand our government's inner working by job shadowing AWB's government affairs team, and also learn the impact of military in the region.

**Session Five: Vancouver – March 1-2, 2018*****Transportation, Timber, Energy***

In the region where interstate commerce is a major economic driver, participants will gain a deep understanding of the role transportation plays in the state's economy as well as the historic timber and evolving energy industries.

Session Six: Bellingham / Mount Vernon – April 5-6, 2018***International Commerce, Border Communities, Tourism***

Participants will learn about the role international trade and commerce has on the state's economy by visiting one of the state's most important trade routes, while learning the dynamics of a boarder community and tourist destination.

Session Seven: AWB Spring Meeting, Spokane – May 7-9, 2018***Health Care, Education, Graduation***

Understand the health care delivery system, unique to the region that includes a diversity of services. Learn the role the education system plays, as industry adapts to a rapidly changing environment. Celebrate with your class and AWB members at your graduation ceremony during dinner at AWB's annual Spring Meeting.

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Battelle, a founding sponsor for AWB's Leadership Washington program, has managed and operated the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Richland, Washington, for the last 50 years. PNNL employs 4,200 staff members and has an annual budget of just under \$1 billion. Interdisciplinary teams at PNNL have addressed many of America's most pressing issues in energy, the environment and national security through advances in basic and applied science. Battelle is an active community member and has disbursed more than \$24.6 million to a variety of civic and philanthropic organizations in Washington state since coming to Richland.