



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Alliance for Northwest Jobs & Exports?

The Pacific Northwest is one of America's strongest regional trade economies, with more than one in four jobs tied to the industry. Proposed bulk export terminals at existing ports in Oregon and Washington State will create thousands of new jobs and raise millions in tax revenue for local schools and other services by expanding the shipment of commodities including coal, wheat and potash, among others. The Alliance for Northwest Jobs & Exports is a non-profit trade association that is advancing responsible development of export infrastructure in Oregon and Washington to create jobs and invigorate the economy.

Who belongs to the Alliance for Northwest Jobs & Exports?

The Alliance represents a large and diverse labor and business coalition comprised of business, labor, agriculture, manufacturing, trade, civic and other groups that support the expansion of regional exports.

Why are new export terminals and trade infrastructure a good idea?

There is a high demand for coal and other bulk commodities in Asia, and it is expected to grow. Of all U.S. regions, the Northwest is in the best position to meet this demand and secure the economic benefits that come with it. If we don't grow our region's bulk export capacity it will happen elsewhere and the jobs and economic benefits will simply go there. Ports in neighboring British Columbia, Canada are already working to expand capacity to capture this opportunity and to compete more aggressively with our regional ports and terminals, which are pillars of our local economy.

Why has an Alliance formed now?

The Alliance is dedicated to educating the public about the benefits of the bulk export terminal projects and balancing the active efforts of opponents to delay or stop these projects. Public opinion surveys show that a strong majority of residents support these projects, but opponents are mounting a concerted effort to attempt to undermine this support. The fact is that these projects can be built in a way that benefits our region and adheres to strict safety and environmental practices, and the Alliance wants to be sure people are getting accurate information.

How exactly will these projects strengthen our economy?

The proposed export projects will create thousands of family-wage jobs and generate millions in tax revenue for local schools and needed services. This doesn't include the tax revenue and other benefits of getting thousands of people back to work in good jobs.

I understand that some groups oppose these projects. Are their claims legitimate?

Opponents of the projects are attempting to present the issue as a false choice between economic growth and the environment. The truth is that these projects can move forward in a safe, environmentally responsible way. They are subject to extensive environmental review by local, state and federal agencies and will be built according to strict environmental requirements mandated by law to ensure the high quality of life that makes the Northwest a great place to live.

Is there something that I can do to support these projects?

Yes! Please pledge your support and sign-up for updates from our [website](http://www.CreateNWJobs.com) and join us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/AllianceforNWJobsExports) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/AllianceforNWJobsExports). And spread the word to family, friend and coworkers who share your concern about the future growth and vitality of the Northwest.