



HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OUT OF A PNDC CONGRESSIONAL ROUNDTABLE:

Take full advantage of this unique opportunity to meet face-to-face with Northwest Members of Congress. Roundtables are held exclusively for PNDC Members and are a unique way to interact directly with your U.S. Senators and Representatives. The following are some tips to help you get the most out of your next Congressional Roundtable.

1. Bring business cards.

Congressional staffers may need to follow up with you on an issue or you may make a business connection with a fellow roundtable attendee.

2. Set a goal for yourself.

What do you hope to learn during the Roundtable? Do you have a particular issue you want to discuss?

3. Relax.

Members of Congress are there to hear from you and to report to their constituents. If you are nervous about asking a question or making a statement, let us know and PNDC staff will do so for you.

4. Tell your story.

Educate Members of Congress about how recent federal decisions are impacting your business – positively or negatively.

5. Prepare and ask questions.

This is your chance to ask questions directly of these leaders to learn more about current and upcoming federal budget and policy issues. We will also provide a copy of PNDC's Advocacy Agenda for your reference during the Roundtable.

6. Pro-actively engage.

Pro-actively engage in the conversation so your voice and perspective are heard by our elected representatives. It is ok if you are nervous; you don't need to be an expert.

7. Raise issues along with solution(s).

Instead of focusing only on the problem, recommend solution(s) as well. Share your suggestions about actions needed on federal procurement, budget stability, workforce development, or other issues that would strengthen your business, our region's economy, and our nation's security.