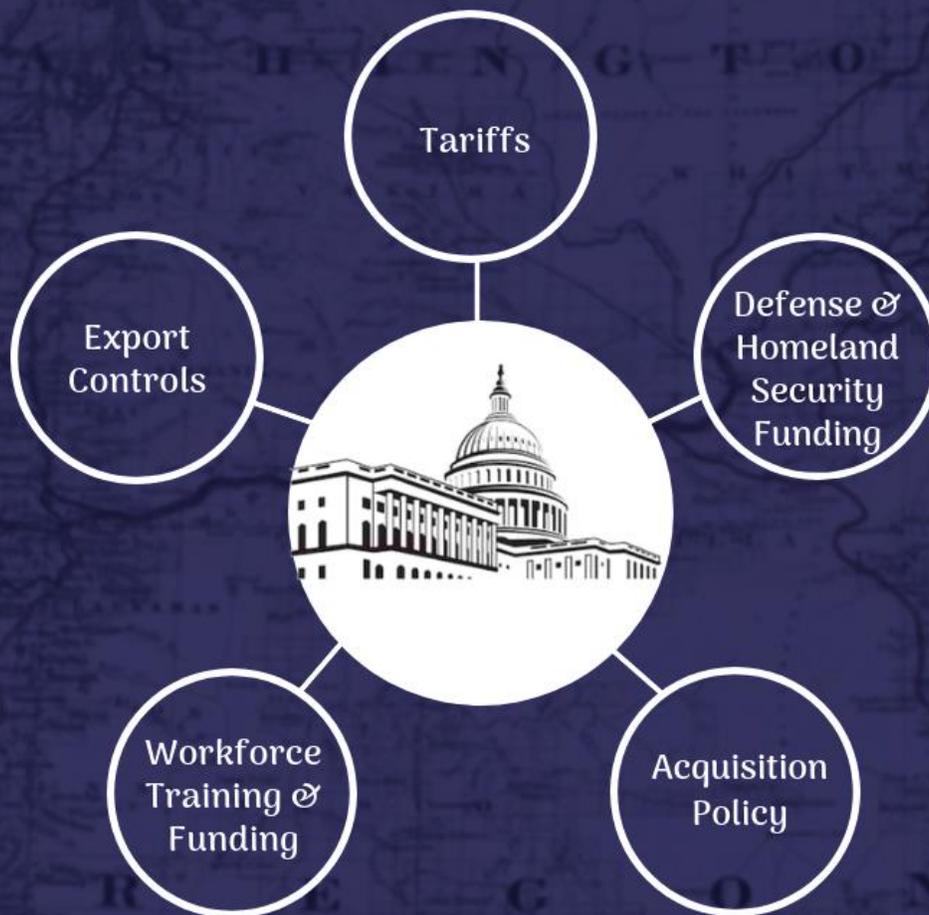


PACIFIC NORTHWEST DEFENSE COALITION (PNDC)

ADVOCACY AGENDA

PNDC convenes regular Congressional Roundtable discussions to bring our members face-to-face with U.S. Representatives and Senators to ensure that Congress and federal agencies understand and address the needs of Northwest defense/security businesses.



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Focusing on federal issues, we leverage the voice of over 20,000 Pacific Northwest constituent families to address issues impacting Pacific Northwest lives and businesses.

PNDC ADVOCACY AGENDA IN ACTION

1. Address Impacts of Tariffs & International Competition:

- Protect Northwest manufacturers' intellectual property from unfair international competition.
- Modify federal procurement and contracting policies to address impacts of tariffs on U.S. contractors.
- Enhance enforcement of Buy American Act provisions, the Berry Amendment, and similar laws regarding U.S.-made requirements.

2. Sustain Defense & Homeland Security Funding:

- Adequately fund defense and homeland security programs to protect our nation's security and provide budget certainty for complete fiscal years.
- Ensure adequate acquisition staffing capacity.
- Protect force structure and Pacific Northwest military base investments given our strategic Pacific location and critical inland waterways.
- Increase federal investment for roads and infrastructure critical to domestic base operations.
- Strengthen National Guard investment, which is critical to national and homeland security.
- Stabilize and strengthen research and development funding for defense and homeland security programs.

3. Enact Defense Acquisition Policy Reforms:

- Reform outdated and cumbersome defense acquisition processes.
- Evaluate life-cycle or long-term value of products and services (not just the first-year cost or lowest price technically acceptable), thereby saving money while rewarding those businesses producing quality, durable goods.
- Establish contract sizes and scopes that best enable smaller businesses to compete for contracts.
- Enhance agency communications with potential contractors about procurement needs and opportunities.
- Address abuse of the bid protest process, which increases costs and delays.
- Secure more consistent execution of set-aside goals and requirements.
- Consistently and practicably revise the DFAR cybersecurity rules, so businesses can reasonably comply.

4. Strengthen Workforce Training & Funding:

- Increase federal support to better train students/workers in STEM and skilled manufacturing jobs.
- Fund workforce training matching grants to K-12 districts, community colleges, and/or universities for workforce training – especially for technology/equipment upgrades.
- Strengthen apprenticeship programs to better prepare workers for demands of the 21st Century economy.
- Implement policies that result in the successful hiring of more veterans.

5. Export Control Reform:

- Reform requirements and documentation for contractors to allow easier and more efficient compliance.
- Reform ITAR to create more rational restricted products list, increasing export opportunities by NW businesses.
- Expedite export license approvals to help NW businesses better compete with international companies.
- Streamline regulations to allow easier testing and better entry into market, especially for newer technologies.