



Québec and the Pacific Northwest: A strong partnership already delivering results

THE QUÉBEC GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN SEATTLE

The Québec Government Office in Seattle — the newest of Québec's 34 diplomatic representations worldwide and its 9th in the United States — opened in May 2025 under the leadership of Delegate David Ruiz. Covering six Pacific Northwest states (Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming), the office serves as Québec's frontline presence for trade and investment, government cooperation, and cultural engagement in one of North America's most dynamic economic regions.

Our mission: connect ecosystems, open doors, and build the partnerships that drive shared prosperity on aerospace, green economy, technology, transportation and environment.



BILATERAL TRADE

- Québec's bilateral trade with the Pacific Northwest reached over US\$1.5 billion in 2025, and almost US\$900 million with Washington State.
- United States is Québec's biggest trading partner, with around 70% of the annual bilateral trade of the province.

QUÉBEC-BASED COMPANIES MAKING AN IMPACT IN PACIFIC NORTHWEST

More than 30 Québec-based companies currently operate over 55 offices across the Pacific Northwest in several strategic sectors, including:

- **Aerospace, rail and maritime transport:** Héroux-Devtek · Dart Aerospace · Chantier Davie
- **Engineering and IT Services:** WSP · AtkinsRéalis · CGI · Genetec · Behavox
- **Industrial Manufacturing and Materials:** Marmen · ADF Group · Stella-Jones · Cascades
- **Energy and Natural Resources:** Innergex · FTE Drilling
- **Financial Services:** BMO
- **Retail:** Circle K · Strøm Spa

INVESTMENT AND FINANCE

- **Washington State** ranks 5th among U.S. states in investment in Québec over the past decade, with landmark examples including Microsoft's US\$2.81 billion investment in Québec.
- **La Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (CDPQ)** — one of North America's largest institutional investors, managing over US\$385 billion in assets — has approximately US\$170 billion invested across 48 U.S. states, making the U.S. its largest international market. The Western States alone represent US\$47 billion in assets across IT and communications, industrial and transportation, energy, and consumer goods.
- La Caisse targets US\$400 billion in climate investments by 2030, with a strategic focus on renewable energy platforms, grid infrastructure, and nuclear power — all aligned with the Pacific Northwest's energy priorities.

SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS



AEROSPACE – The 2026 Aerospace Defense and Suppliers Symposium (ADSS) featured a 22-company Québec delegation led by the Minister of International Relations and la Francophonie. Boeing's US\$177 million commitment to Montréal's aerospace industry — including US\$85 million toward Espace Aéro, a new innovation hub — underscores the depth of this bilateral relationship.



DEFENSE – Québec shipyard Chantier Davie is at the heart of the Icebreaker Collaboration Effort (ICE Pact) between the U.S., Canada, and Finland. Awarded a US\$3.5 billion contract in 2026, Davie will build the next generation of Arctic-capable vessels homeported in Alaska and Washington State.



TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY – In May 2026, Québec welcomed a 20-person delegation of Sound Transit, King County Metro, and Transportation Choices Coalition leaders to Montréal and Québec City to study the REM automated light rail system. Québec engineering firms AtkinsRéalis and WSP play key roles in expanding Sound Transit's network across the region.



ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION – On June 25, 2026, Québec, California, and Washington State agreed to link their carbon markets — creating the **world's largest subnational carbon market**, representing 56 million people and hundreds of billions of dollars in economic activity, operational by 2027.



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE – Québec is home to Mila — the world's largest academic AI research centre — as well as Scale AI and IVADO. The Québec Government Office in Seattle is actively building bridges between Montréal's world-class AI ecosystem and Seattle's tech giants, including through the ALL IN AI Conference and Seattle AI Week.

FACTS

- **Subnational diplomacy:** Québec has the largest diplomatic network of any subnational government in the world, with 34 offices in 19 countries.
- **Aerospace excellence:** Québec is the 3rd largest aerospace hub in the world. 93% of all aircraft manufactured in Canada come from our province. The industry is a pillar of our economy, representing nearly 15% of Québec's exports, with more than 43 000 supported jobs and over 230 companies, anchored by major global leaders like Bombardier, Pratt & Whitney Canada, CAE, Bell Textron Canada, and Airbus.
- **An innovation leader:** Our province also has 5 tech hubs in critical sectors such as aerospace, energy transition and advancing battery manufacturing, mining, quantum computing, semiconductors and microelectronics.
- **Abundant critical minerals for ICT, energy industries:** Québec has the most diverse reservoir of critical and mineral resources in Canada and a world-class deposit of rare earths. Québec has 15 of the 18 (83%) of the critical minerals listed for energy by the Department of Energy, and 41 of 50 (82%) of the USGS's minerals list that are considered critical for the U.S. economy and national security. Moreover, Québec is the No. 1 producer of primary aluminum in North America, and the No. 1 supplier of aluminum products for 33 states.
- **Climate leadership:** Québec targets a 37.5% reduction in GHG emissions below 1990 levels by 2035 and carbon neutrality by 2050. With transportation responsible for 41% of provincial emissions, Québec mandates 80% zero-emission vehicle sales by 2035.
- **Green Economy:** Québec generates 99% of its energy from renewable sources, with 95% of electricity produced through hydropower. Hydro-Québec, the provincial crown corporation, manages 37 GW of installed capacity and exports electricity to New York and Massachusetts. With long-standing partnerships with Indigenous nations and a commitment of \$150 billion in investment by 2035, Hydro-Québec has set an ambitious goal to double its capacity by 2050.
- **Top-tier talent from research-focused universities,** including McGill, Université de Montréal, and Université Laval.

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