



Panel Discussion A - Panelist

Mr. Brian Young

**Director of Economic Development
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Brian Young brings diverse strategic and operational experience to his role as Governor Inslee's Clean Technology Sector Lead. He is the point of contact for clean technology companies who want to navigate Washington State's political and economic landscape. He is focused on developing a prosperous and varied clean tech sector based on the state's existing strengths.

Prior to joining the Department of Commerce, Brian worked in a variety of clean tech industries. After serving as an officer in the United States Navy, he joined an early stage biofuel start-up that grew into Imperium Renewables, the largest independent US biodiesel producer. After Imperium, Brian created Element Strategic Partners, a clean tech consultancy that led the development of the Washington Clean Energy Leadership Council and worked internationally on sustainability and carbon issues. In 2011, he became a business development manager for a Tri-Cities engineering firm working on nuclear remediation efforts at Hanford and elsewhere within the Department of Energy complex. Brian graduated from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service with a degree in Science, Technology, and International Affairs. He has a lovely wife and two precocious young boys. In the winter, you can find him on the slopes at Alpental, where he is a member of the National Ski Patrol.