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## **ASTTBC CEO is MC for Announcement by Federal Minister Kellie Leitch**



The Hon Kellie Leitch, Minister of Labour and Minister of Support of Women (second in from right), announced over \$2M funding for the APGST. Pictured are (left to right): Krista Bax, Executive Director, APGST; MP Wai Young; ASTTBC CEO John Leech; MP Andrew Saxton; Minister Leitch; Brad Eshelman, CEO of Western Stevedoring who hosted the event.



The Asia Pacific Gateway Skills Table gathers to thank Minister Leitch. Pictured are left to right: John Beckett, Maritime Employers Association; Oksana Exell, APGST founding Executive Director and CEO WESTAC; ASTTBC CEO John Leech gifting an ASTTBC eagle feather to Minister Leitch; Jack Davidson, President, BC Road Builders Association; and Krista Bax, Executive Director, APGST

The federal government Minister of Labour and Minister of Support of Women, The Hon Dr Kellie Leitch, was on hand in Vancouver last week to announce funding for the Asia Pacific Gateway Skills

Table (APGST) and ASTTBC CEO John Leech served as the Master of Ceremonies for the announcement. John is also a member of the APGST Board.

The Minister was accompanied by MP Wai Young (Vancouver-South) and MP Andrew Saxton (North Vancouver), who is also Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance.

The Minister's announcement spoke to the importance of skills development and the role of APGST in working with employers, training organizations, unions, professional associations and workers to assure a qualified workforce that meets the needs of business and industry.