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New Survey Shows U.S. Manufacturers Spending Billions to Close Skills Gap

Manufacturers plan to spend \$26.2 billion in 2020 on internal and external training programs for new and existing employees.

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Trump Urges Europe to Embrace LNG, Reject Climate 'Pessimism'

President Trump urged European nations to embrace U.S. energy imports and not succumb to pessimism on climate change.

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China Virus Outbreak Raises Concerns for Economy, Financial Markets

News that a new virus afflicting hundreds of people in Central China can spread between humans has rattled financial markets.

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Trump Administration Removes Federal Protections for Streams, Wetlands

The Trump Administration moved to remove rules intended to protect rivers, streams, wetlands and other bodies of water from pollution and runoff.

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U.S. Housing Starts Surge to Highest Level in 13 Years

U.S. housing starts surged 16.9 percent in December to their highest level in 13 years.

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Manufacturing Output Increases in December, Wrapping Up Weak Year

U.S. factory output unexpectedly increased 0.2 percent in December, a bright spot in an otherwise weak year for manufacturing.

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Tyson Foods Starts Coalition for Sustainable Protein

Tyson Foods recently announced the creation of the Coalition for Global Protein, a multi-stakeholder initiative to advance the future of sustainable protein.

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International Monetary Fund Predicts 'Modest' Rebound for Global Economy

The International Monetary Fund is predicting a "modest" rebound for the global economy in 2020.

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Secretary of Interior Signs Measure Allowing Keystone XL Pipeline on BLM Land

U.S. Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt signed a Record of Decision allowing for construction of the Keystone XL pipeline across federally managed lands in Montana.

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China Posts Weakest Growth in 29 Years Amid Bruising Trade War with U.S.

China's economic growth cooled to its weakest in 29 years in 2019 amid a bruising trade war with the U.S.

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Energy Chiefs Tout Carbon Dioxide Capture

Capturing carbon dioxide from the fossil-fuel industry is key to slowing dangerous global warming, energy executives said recently.

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