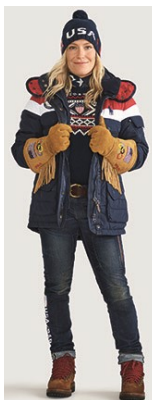


Ralph Lauren, U.S. Olympic Committee Unveil Innovative Heat Technology For Team USA's Clothing

When the United States Olympic team arrives in Pyeong Chang South Korea, for opening ceremony of the 2018 Winter Olympic games, they're going to be plenty warm. Their clothes designed by Ralph Lauren, will be fashionable and toasty in the frigid South Korean climate. Ralph Lauren designed a parka and a bomber jacket that each use a heat-conducting ink to generate warmth like an electric blanket.



In a process developed exclusively for Ralph Lauren, the heating system is made from electronic printed conductive inks, printed in the shape of an American flag in carbon and silver ink and bonded to the interior of the jackets. The printed conductive inks are flexible and

stretchable, and connect to a battery pack with three settings. With water-repellent properties and featuring 11 hours of heating time at full charge and immediate heat, the jackets are truly functional pieces for America's brightest athletes.



Source: Ralph Lauren

<https://www.teamusa.org/News/2018/January/22/Ralph-Lauren-USOC-Unveil-Innovative-Heat-Technology-For-2018-Opening-Ceremony-Parade-Uniform>

InterLink's 2018 Regional Employer Survey Underway

For 30 years InterLink has surveyed North Central Texas employers about their future labor market needs. Over this period of time, we've seen immense change, and indications are that technology and its impact on business practices will continue this trend.

Interlink's mandate is to provide input to secondary and post-secondary educators in Career and Technical Programs on regional employment needs of the future so that students graduating from these programs develop the skills and knowledge that industry needs.

The Interlink Regional Employer Survey is combined with input from our future focused task forces providing further insight.

Please participate as it will be greatly appreciated. Responses are confidential and participants will receive a copy of the report.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IL31st>

TEXAS DECEMBER 2017 ECONOMIC NUMBERS

Industry	Dec 2017	Monthly Change	Annual Change	Annual % Change
Total Nonagricultural	12,444,700	400	306,900	2.5
Private	10,466,900	-3,900	269,500	2.6
Goods-Producing	1,856,400	-1,300	93,300	5.3
Mining & Logging	245,400	-3,200	29,100	13.5
Construction	732,800	4,300	27,900	4.0
Manufacturing	878,200	-2,400	36,300	4.3
Service-Providing	10,588,300	1,700	213,600	2.1
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,460,000	-10,500	13,300	0.5
Information	192,100	3,600	-9,200	-4.6
Financial Activities	765,200	-2,100	26,100	3.5
Professional & Business Services	1,699,800	-300	52,600	3.2
Education & Health Services	1,689,300	-500	30,700	1.9
Leisure & Hospitality	1,355,000	6,800	42,400	3.2
Other Services	449,100	400	20,300	4.7
Government	1,977,800	4,300	37,400	1.9

Source: Texas Workforce Commission Texas Labor Market Review

DECEMBER 2017 EMPLOYMENT

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
US	159,880,000	153,602,000	6,278,000	3.9%
TX	13,545,282	13,043,929	501,323	3.7%
D/FW Region	3,872,429	3,750,549	121,880	3.2%

Source: Texas Workforce Commission Texas Labor Market Review

U.S. ECONOMIC NUMBERS

Long Term Unemployed (27+ wks.) % of unemployed 22.9%	Dec '17	1,515,000
Consumer Price Index	Dec '17	+0.1%
Payroll Employment	Dec '17	+148,000 (p)
Average Hourly Earnings	Dec '17	+\$0.09 (p)
Producer Price Index	Dec '17	-0.1% (p)
Employment Cost Index	3rd Qtr '17	+0.7%
Productivity	3rd Qtr '17	+3.0%
U.S. Import Price Index	Dec '17	+0.1%
U.S. Export Price Index	Dec '17	+0.1%

(p) preliminary; (c) corrected - Source: U. S. Department of Labor. Information is the latest available at printing time.

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