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During the Pulse of the Profession® presentation, you will learn what PMI’s latest research reveals in project and program results. For the first time in five years, more projects are meeting original goals and business intent and being completed within budget. Organizations are becoming “champions” of project management by investing in talent, benefits realization management, PMOs and EPMOs, executive sponsors, and agile approaches. However, you will also hear how project and program managers transform business goals and strategy into reality. In addition, you will be presented with two case studies. One will provide an overview of why a project went wrong. The second will illustrate how an organization did a project right.

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