
Economic security of small and medium-sized businesses: substantive essence, approaches to management

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Abstract

Small and medium business in Russia is a significant element in the system of the national economy of Russia, the functional role of which, in the process of its evolution at the present stage of development, has been transformed into a factor in the formation of a competitive environment. The presence of a developed competitive environment is considered as one of the basic conditions for ensuring sustainable socio-economic development of the country and improving the quality of life of its population. A competitive environment is possible to be formed in conditions of a high level of competitiveness of the «Small and Medium Business» system and its economic security. The problems of economic security are insufficiently studied and the relevance of such research is growing when it comes to small and medium-sized businesses, for the safe and sustainable development of which a scientific and methodological justification of management is necessary. This article presents the main results of a study on the development and justification of such provision: an interpretation of the definition of «economic security» and its local components by system levels is given, the need for institutional changes is proved, and a model of institutional changes of the innovation-integration type is proposed. The purpose of the study is the theoretical and methodological substantiation of the content essence of the category «economic security of small and medium-sized businesses», the establishment of links and relationships (elements of local security) of the state of security, considered as a result of the integration of local states of security, as well as the development of one of the alternative models of strategic management of economic business security in small organizational and economic forms of management. As part of the researching, the authors used an information-methodological approach, the methodology of strategic analysis and planning. The results of the study presented in the article should be considered as intermediate.

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