The Development of the Supply Chain – Not at the Same Pace at All Times. Core and Periphery Enterprises in Industrial Network

Summary: An observation of the increase and development processes of the supply chains indicates that there are areas of these chains, the increasing pace of which are very dynamic. A specific trait of a dynamically developing enterprise (enterprises from the core) is the fact that they attract subsequent sub-contractors and recipients like magnets, they procure subsequent orders and win tenders more effectively in a relatively easier manner. From observation it also follows that they are very capable of creating and implementing innovation, better than other economic organizations, characterized by a smaller growth dynamic.

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1. The supply chain


The term supply chain management (SCM) has risen to prominence over the past ten years [Cooper et al., 1997]. SCM has become such a “hot topic” [Ross, 1998]. La Londe and