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This paper design the model and strategy to Strengthen the Competitiveness of small medium enterprises in Indonesia based on Local Economic Development in Indonesia – Nine Factor Model (LEDI-9F) approach. We pay attention on the combination of LEDI approach and Nine Factor Model to formulate a holistic design and strategy for strengthening SME's competitiveness. We find that the model of strengthening the international competitiveness of Small and Medium Enterprises can be done through a model of partnership among various stakeholders at district, province, and state level. We also revealed that business context, strategy of management and business in particular, is the most priority aspect to strengthen small and medium enterprise's competitiveness. I believe that this paper contributes to add more evidence that discuses international competitiveness and small medium enterprises particularly. Our main findings are also interesting from policy perspectives since Indonesia is on its way to to build a people's economy through improving SME's performance.

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