System and Method for Managing Compliance with Strategic Business Rules

Abstract: A method of managing compliance with strategic business rules (Fig. 1) is provided. The method includes storing procurement data concerning historical procurement events in a procurement data warehouse (14). The method further includes storing one or more business compliance rules specifying conditions for a particular procurement event to be compliant. The method further includes automatically analyzing a portion of the procurement data related to the particular procurement event to determine whether or not the procurement event is compliant according to said business rules. The method further includes automatically generating a visual output based on said procurement event is determined compliant.
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