

SOCIOMETRICS PROJECT No. 44

AMERICAN FAMILY DATA CENTER PHASE I

This Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Phase I project examined the feasibility of expanding Sociometrics' efforts in enhancing the public availability and dissemination of the best and most current data on the status and well-being of American families and children. The project had two specific aims: first, to update, expand, and augment the American Family Data Archive collection (see Projects 20 and 26) by including new data sets and by adding searchable, machine-readable instruments to the archive; and, second, to create two data products on the American family that demonstrated how scientific data could produce information of use for individual decision-making and informed judgment, as well as social policy making: (a) a factbook organized around the status of the American family and children on various educational, economic, health, social, and psychological indicators; and (b) a multimedia CD-ROM disk organized around the same family problems and issues as the factbook, showing in interesting fashion (with pictures, sound, graphics, and animation) what science could tell us about the current status and well-being of the American family.

Phase II funding was subsequently awarded (See Project No. 53).

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