

## **SOCIOMETRICS PROJECT No. 52**

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### **SOCIONET: ON-LINE ACCESS TO EXEMPLARY SOCIAL SCIENCE DATA PHASE II**

This Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Phase II project was a continuation of Project No. 43.

In the 1990's, developments in Internet access, client/server programming tools, and desktop computing, resulted in a proliferation of on-line social science resources. Sociometrics developed Socionet (<http://www.socio.com>) to provide online access to information on six national social science data and instrument archives and many other health and social science resources.

Socionet consists of a comprehensive Information Server describing the company's history, products, and services, and a Commercial Server allowing pay-as-you-go downloading of the company's data, documentation, and publication products. Online search and retrieval software utilizing standard Boolean operators (and, or, not) allows users to retrieve information about data archive contents, both at the individual variable and study level. At the time of its creation, Socionet included approximately 350 study summaries and nearly 150,000 variable records. It has since expanded.

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