

SOCIOMETRICS PROJECT No. 58

THE CONTEXTUAL DATA ARCHIVE PHASE II

This Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) was Phase II of Project No. 50, *Establishing a Contextual Data Archive*. The Contextual Data Archive facilitates access to the best contextual data: data that describe the population, social, and economic characteristics of geographic areas, from census tracts to states, in which people reside or work. The archive comprised three kinds of machine-readable materials:

- (1) The principal data sets with the potential for use as sources of contextual data;
- (2) research materials—a collection of key publications and documents relating to the use of contextual data; and
- (3) software to find and retrieve those portions of the data sets and research materials relevant to a user's needs.

The archive offers all its products in a variety of machine-readable media, including CD-ROM and on line.

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