



# Wichita State University Libraries

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## STAT-USA/Internet

### Overview

STAT-USA/Internet is found in the list of databases held by Wichita State University Libraries at <http://library.wichita.edu/colldev/databases/alphadatabase.htm>. It is also located at <http://www.stat-usa.gov/>. STAT-USA/Internet includes **State of the Nation (SOTN)**, **Globus Business Opportunities (GLOBUS)**, and **National Trade Data Bank (NTDB)**. GLOBUS and NTDB are accessed together and considered one product. SOTN and GLOBUS & NTDB may be searched simultaneously when all databases are chosen (see figure 5).

Reading documents in STAT-USA/Internet might require the installation of Adobe® Reader®, a web browser, or a document reader on your computer before viewing. The use of pop-up blockers might prevent some files from showing up correctly. For detailed browser and operating system requirements, see URL <http://www.stat-usa.gov/hometest.nsf/ref/Browser>.

### Brief Description of Products



SOTN contains domestic United States economic data, and is a helpful resource to gauge the direction of the U. S. economy. Here you will find information about general economic indicators, housing and construction, employment, manufacturing and industry, monetary statistics, and economic policy. The data are almost always on a macroeconomic (fairly aggregated) level. Updates are posted daily in the formats provided by various agencies.

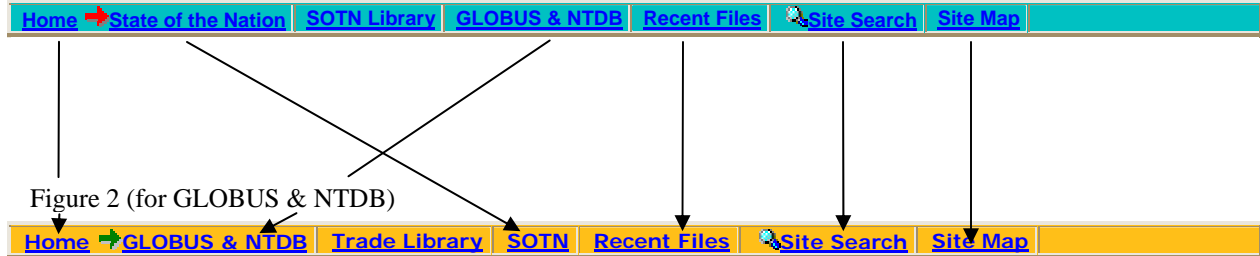


GLOBUS & NTDB is designed for U. S. companies who might want to increase exports and/or bid on U. S. government procurements. It contains trade leads, and historical trade-related releases, merchandise trade data, market research leads, and country analysis. This section is on a more microeconomic level; specific markets are studied and specific foreign companies are often mentioned. Access this area for current, international market research.

## Navigating the toolbars

The toolbar is located at the top and bottom of both SOTN (figure 1) and GLOBUS & NTDB (figure 2) pages. The toolbar allows you to navigate between both resources. Notice the similarities in both toolbars. Each toolbar has the same navigation tools, except for the “Library” unique to each.

Figure 1 (for SOTN)



“Home” takes you to the STAT-USA/Internet homepage, which describes and provides links to all its products. “Recent Files” shows you a list of the files added recently to both SOTN and GLOBUS & NTDB. Use the “Site Search” link to connect to the databases as shown in figures 4 and 5. The “Site Map” allows you to quickly find popular links within these two products.

## Browsing

### Browsing SOTN

The SOTN main page is divided into 3 sections. The first section shows the most current reports in “HOT Releases,” “Daily Releases,” “Today's most recently-added SOTN files,” and “Economic News.” The second section is divided into the major categories of “Economic Indicators,” “Housing and Construction,” “Employment, Manufacturing and Industry,” “Monetary Statistics,” and “Economic Policy.” The third section divides the SOTN Library into the sections shown in Figure 3.

Figure 3

**The State of the Nation Library**

*The State of the Nation Library contains over 3,000 files, including all SOTN files found on this page.*

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Entire SOTN Library</a></li> <li><a href="#">Summaries and Testimonies</a></li> <li><a href="#">NIPA Information</a></li> <li><a href="#">Economic Indicators</a></li> <li><a href="#">Employment Statistics</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Price &amp; Productivity</a></li> <li><a href="#">Industry Statistics</a></li> <li><a href="#">Fiscal &amp; Monetary Policy</a></li> <li><a href="#">Government Bond Rates</a></li> <li><a href="#">Treasury Statistics</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Treasury Auction Results</a></li> <li><a href="#">Regional Economic Stats</a></li> <li><a href="#">Survey of Current Business</a></li> <li><a href="#">Miscellaneous Files</a></li> <li><a href="#">Foreign Trade</a></li> </ul>
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### *Browsing GLOBUS & NTDB*

The homepage in GLOBUS & NTDB has reports divided into “Today's Global Business Opportunity Leads,” “Trade News,” “Current Exchange Rates,” “Current and Historical Trade Leads,” “International Trade Library Highlights,” “Market and Country Research,” “Contacts,” and “Current Press Releases.”

### **Symbols**

#### *SOTN*

Ellipses [...] are found directly following today’s HOT Releases on the SOTN front page. These link you to related historical releases in the SOTN Library.

#### *Both SOTN and GLOBUS & NTDB*

The question mark [?] provides an explanation about products and is found throughout both SOTN and GLOBUS & NTDB.

Location Aids [Loc:] tell you in which database a document is located. They are found directly following a document date on any search results screen, as well as following document titles in the SOTN Library and the International Trade Library.

### **Searching**

#### *Quick Search*

Arrows (Figure 4) appear under the Quick Search window available in SOTN Library and on certain pages within GLOBUS & NTDB. These arrows allow you to expand, collapse, and sort lists.

Figure 4

Click on  to expand a category,  to collapse one. Click  for asc (  reverses) or  for desc (  reverses) sort.

### Site Search

“Site Search,” found on the toolbar on the top of each page (Figures 1 and 2), takes you to the image in Figure 5. This feature allows you to search both SOTN and GLOBUS & NTDB.

### Standard Search

Enter your search terms in the search window and click on the search button as seen in Figure 5. The search engine will look for these words within all the documents in the databases you have selected. If you enter more than one word, all words will appear in the documents returned, but might not appear together unless you have enclosed the words within quotations as shown in the search window in Figure 5.

### Alternative Search

An alternative search (part of Figure 5) is also an option. This search allows restrictions to recent documents, and helps you define your search if you are unfamiliar with Boolean Operators.

### Search Help

There is a description of the search strings recognized in STAT-USA/Internet as shown in the “help” hotlink in Figure 5. Briefly, quotations force the search engine to look for words within the quote as phrases, and the Boolean Operators AND, OR, and NOT helps limit or expand your search terms.

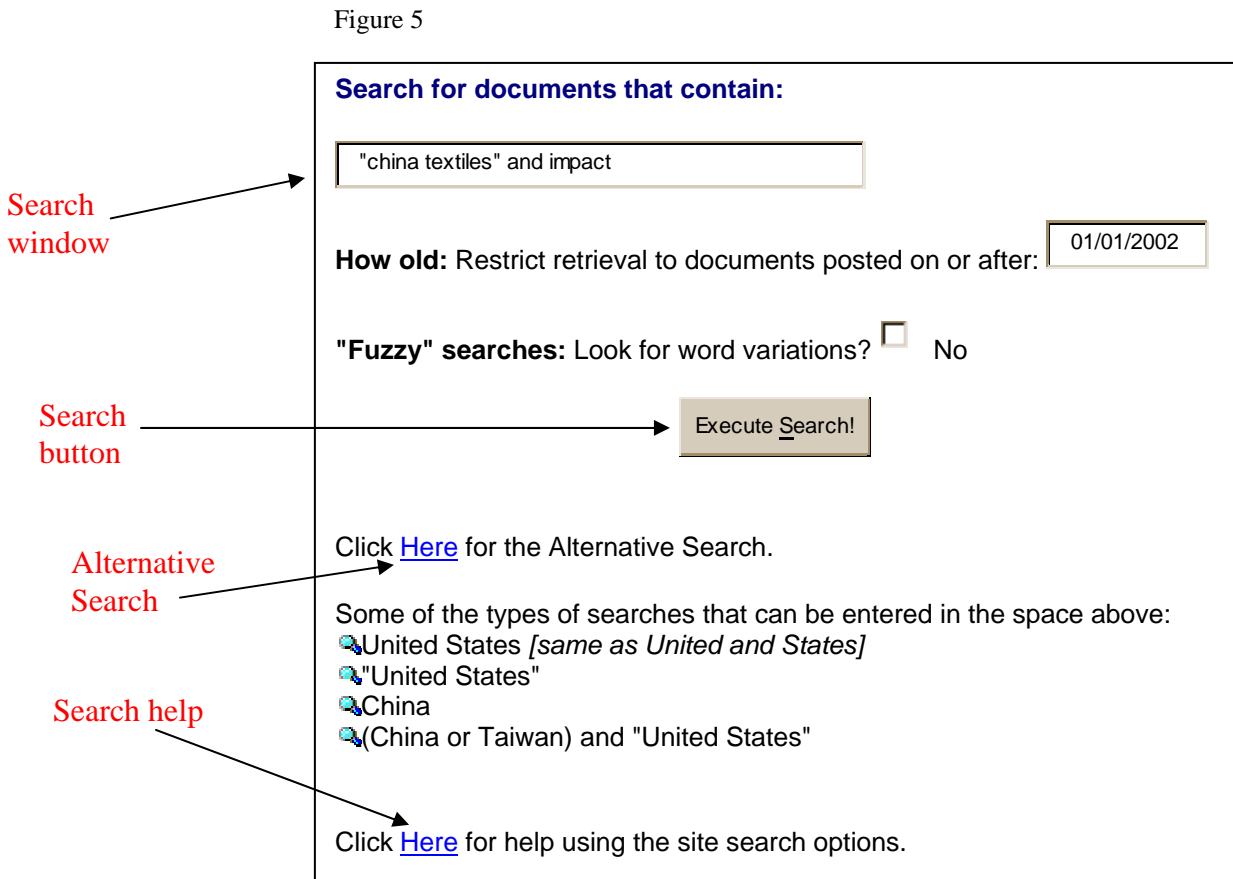


Figure 6

### Databases

The “Pick a database category” (Figure 6) allows you pick categories from the drop-down menu, or you can choose specific databases. The database categories in the drop-down menu are: GLOBUS, Leads, Procurements, Research, and SOTN.

**Pick a database category:**

All

**and/or Select which database(s) to search:**

- Agricultural Trade Leads
- AgWorld Attache (GAIN) reports
- Country Commercial Guides
- Defense Logistics Agency procurements
- FedBizOpps (CBD) procurements
- Industry Sector Analysis reports
- International Market Insight reports
- International Trade Library
- Market Research Library
- Multilateral Development Bank
- National Export Directory
- Selected publications
- State of the Nation Library
- Trade Opportunity Program leads
- United Nations Trade Leads

For detailed descriptions of the products and special features, see the references below

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