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Enterprise Research Computing Services
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Professor Werner Ceusters
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Dear Dr. Ceusters:

The Chief Information Office and area at the University at Buffalo is pleased to support your proposal entitled "*Integration of UBInfosource and Referent Tracking.*" The CIO portfolio has a responsibility to support the research, teaching, and service missions of UB, and assisting with your Referent Tracking System project serves several of these goals. The staff in our Enterprise Research Computing Services (ERCS) and Administrative Computing Services (ACS) units will facilitate your access to institutional data and to aid in its interpretation.

The application of your Referent Tracking System against university institutional data has many benefits. The university is currently in development of a Strategic Information Reporting Initiative (SIRI), with the goal of aggregating and integrating the various sources of information that are important to the strategic, managerial, and operational concerns of the university and its units and departments. The Referent Tracking System has the potential to help inform the implementation of this project as well as other university wide initiatives. Providing a large cache of complex data to help refine the RTS methodology, will be mutually beneficial.

The CIO office is responsible for the central IT support organization for the University at Buffalo. Administrative Computing Services is responsible for enterprise-class applications and services, including the institutional data warehouse. Enterprise Research Computing Services is responsible for the identification and coordination of IT services for researchers as well as advocacy for research within the university IT community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elias G. Eldayrie'.

Elias G. Eldayrie
Chief Information Officer