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Dear Andrew,

All of us at the Center for Expanded Data Annotation and Retrieval (CEDAR) are eager to collaborate with EcoHealth Alliance and its developers in their application for the U01 entitled "Big Data to Knowledge (BD2K) Development of Software Tools and Methods for Biomedical Big Data in Targeted Areas of High Need." We look forward to assisting you in the development of metadata annotation software to be developed by EcoHealth Alliance to further health research.

With years of experience in health informatics, and metadata and ontology management, CEDAR's researchers are uniquely positioned to provide guidance on metadata software development. Our goal to create a unified framework that researchers can use to create consistent, easily searchable metadata aligns well with EcoHealth Alliance's objectives to use connected ontologies and metadata for biosurveillance and health research. We are looking forward to advising EcoHealth to help build a unified framework that researchers in biosurveillance and other biomedical disciplines can use to combine disparate data.

Sincerely,

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