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## REACH and West Arete Announce Strategic Two-Year Partnership to Advance Research Analytics and Network Infrastructure

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**Lexington, Kentucky — November 5, 2025** — The Research Evaluation and Analytics Capacity Hub (REACH) is proud to announce a strategic two-year partnership with West Arete, a leading software development firm known for its commitment to impact-driven technology. This collaboration marks a significant step forward in enhancing the infrastructure of the REACH network and capabilities that support network activities to support research analytics, evaluation, and impact measurement within the field of research administration. REACH is a project at the University of Kentucky funded through a four-year grant from the U.S. National Science Foundation.

Through this partnership, REACH and West Arete will co-develop innovative tools and platforms designed to improve the field of research analytics, foster greater transparency and accessibility in research evaluation methodologies, and promote the ethical use of artificial intelligence within the field.

“This partnership with West Arete aligns perfectly with REACH’s mission to elevate the role of data in research strategy and decision-making,” said Dr. Baron Wolf, Director of REACH and Director of Research Analytics at the University of Kentucky. “Together, we are creating the infrastructure that will support a more connected and insightful research ecosystem as REACH develops national and international network capacity.”

West Arete brings deep expertise in software development and a strong track record of working with mission-driven organizations. Their team will work closely with the REACH steering community and community advisory board. “We are thrilled to partner with REACH on this important initiative,” said Scott Woods, CEO of West Arete. “By aligning our commitment to responsible technology with REACH’s mission, we can drive tangible, positive outcomes for the communities we serve.”

For more information about REACH, visit <http://researchanalyticshub.org>

To learn more about West Arete, visit <https://westarete.com/>

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