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LAC Metadata Service Receives Award for Achievement in Technical Services

The Metadata Service, Documentary Heritage Collection Sector, was the recipient of this year's Canadian Library Association/3M Canada Award for Achievement in Technical Services.

The Metadata Service was established in March 2002, in response to increased demand from government departments for assistance in describing Web resources for Internet portals. Initially created to provide subject descriptors and other metadata for Culture.ca, the service has continued to evolve. The team now also provides metadata for the Canadian Military History Gateway and enhances metadata harvested by Government On-Line's Gateways and Clusters Content Management Solution from Government of Canada Web sites, all on a fee for service basis. This work positions Library and Archives Canada in the forefront of quality metadata creation and Web resources collection management.

The Metadata Service, Documentary Heritage Collection team have demonstrated that by leveraging skills, knowledge and expertise in collection development and cataloguing, and by applying it in new ways to the emerging domain of Web resource description, Library and Archives Canada can play a leadership role in description and resource discovery.