

Procace and Access Copyright partner to build leading-edge online rights licensing system

Access Copyright, The Canadian Copyright Licensing Agency, began plans, in 2000, to build a system that would extend access to its print licensing services in an online environment. The agency required a system that was leading-edge, web-based and that offered quick, easy permissions to copy from the hundreds of thousands of print works created by the Canadian and international rightsholders it represents.

After a competitive bidding process that included several major application development companies and with the financial assistance of the Department of Canadian Heritage, ***Access Copyright selected Procace Consulting (www.procaceconsulting.com) to provide the expertise required to develop this Rights Management System.***

“Procace was awarded the contract to build the system based on the exceptional level of detail provided throughout the bidding process,” said Judy Mark, Access Copyright’s director of operations and finance. “We were very impressed with their breadth of experience on similar systems.”

So began a relationship that has produced Canada’s first-ever online licensing system for print works. The relationship takes advantage of Access Copyright’s expertise in rights management and Procace’s team of technical experts. The resulting application, which took over a year to develop, enhances *Access Copyright’s* core business of licensing, protecting and monitoring the use of copyright print works in Canada while laying the foundation for continued growth as digital rights management comes to the fore.

Procace and *Access Copyright* will continue to enhance the system over the next several years as application development and support continue. Those licensees and rightsholders using the system can expect to see new functionality added on an ongoing basis.

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