

TO: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA      DATE: June 6, 2012  
FROM: Barbara B. Tillett, LC Representative  
SUBJECT: Revisions to Change of Name of Jurisdiction or Locality (RDA 11.3.3.4)

### Background

RDA 11.3.3.4 (Change of Name of Jurisdiction or Locality) indicates that when a local jurisdiction or geographic locality changes its name and that name has been used to identify a corporate body that only the latest name should be used. This principle of using the latest name helps to collocate resources under a single authorized access point; this proposal seeks to assure that earlier forms of name may be preserved in the current environment by recording the earlier form of name in MARC 21 field 370 subfield \$e with subfields \$s and \$t to show beginning and ending dates for usage of the name of the location.

### Proposed revision

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