

## Contract Details

1. **Contracting Body:** Cairngorms National Park Authority (CNPA)
2. **Contract Name and ID:** Lochs Macroinvertebrate Survey MAY505041
3. **Services Required:**
  - Conduct macroinvertebrate surveys at Lochan Mor and Milton Burn in the Spey Catchment.
  - Perform two surveys: one in late spring and one in autumn 2024.
  - Utilize standard survey methodologies for still waters (e.g., National Pond Survey) and running water (SEPA Kick survey methodology).
  - Execute three-minute timed searches for each survey.
  - Determine the representative number of samples based on mesohabitats present.
  - Provide short descriptions of vegetation structure, benthic substrate, depth, and topography.
  - Identify samples to species level where possible.
  - Deliver a report detailing species found, qualitative abundance estimates, georeferenced location images, and descriptions.
  - Coordinate with eDNA and acoustic monitoring efforts.
  - Potential for contract continuation in future years.
4. **Financial Constraints:**
  - Estimated total value: £10,000 (excluding VAT).
  - Approximate contract value: £12,000 (inclusive of VAT).
5. **Vendor Requirements:**
  - Experience in macroinvertebrate family and species identification for still and moving waterbodies.
  - Ability to use standard survey methods for still waters and running water.
  - Capability to provide georeferenced location images and descriptions.
  - Preferred: Experience with peer-reviewed scientific publication and collaborative partnerships involving multiple disciplines.
6. **Other Considerations:**
  - Contract duration: 6 months (May 2024 to December 2024).
  - Possibility of contract renewal in future years.
  - Project initiation meeting & scoping in May 2024; Field surveys and data gathering from May-October 2024; Draft Report by end of November 2024; Final Report by December 2024.
  - Electronic ordering, invoicing, and payment will be utilized.
  - Tender submission deadline: 28/05/2024, 12:00 local time.
  - Submissions must be in English and no longer than 20 A4 pages.
  - Evaluation criteria include price (15%) and technical/quality factors (85%).
  - Contract is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement.
  - Suppliers must demonstrate commitment to Fair Work First principles and steps towards achieving net zero.

- For tender submission and more information, visit: [https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=766414](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=766414)

## Best matches

Based on the requirements for the Lochs Macroinvertebrate Survey MAY505041 by the Cairngorms National Park Authority, the following companies from our knowledge base could potentially be a good match:

1. **ERT (Scotland)**

- A leading environmental consulting company based in Scotland, specializing in survey, monitoring, consulting, and reporting.
- Notable projects include Environmental Impact Assessment for a Wind Farm Development and Water Quality Monitoring for a Construction Project.

2. **Macarthur Green**

- A Scottish-based environmental consultancy company focusing on delivering positive impacts for the environment.
- Notable projects include Wind Farm Development in Scotland and Habitat Restoration in England.

3. **CMS Surveyors Ltd**

- A Scottish-based surveying company that specializes in providing a wide range of surveying services.
- Notable projects include Land Surveying for a Residential Development Project and Topographical Survey for a Road Construction Project.

4. **Neo Environmental**

- **Website:** <https://neo-environmental.co.uk/>
- **Location:** Glasgow, Scotland
- **Notable Aspect:** Specializes in environmental consulting, ecological services, and renewable energy. Their expertise in conducting environmental impact assessments and ecological risk assessments could be beneficial for the project.

5. **The Habitat People**

- **Website:** <https://habitatpeople.co.uk>
- **Location:** Aberdeen City, Scotland
- **Notable Aspect:** Dedicated to improving biodiversity on farms, estates, and gardens. Their focus on biodiversity and sustainable practices could provide valuable insights for the macroinvertebrate survey.

6. **Ethos Environmental**

- **Website:** <https://www.ethosenvironmental.co.uk/>
- **Location:** Scotland
- **Notable Aspect:** Offers a range of environmental consultancy services, including environmental impact assessments. Their expertise could support the survey's requirements for species identification and environmental reporting.

These companies have demonstrated capabilities that align with the services required by the CNPA, including experience in environmental surveys and reporting. ERT (Scotland) and Macarthur Green, in particular, have direct experience in environmental consulting and assessments, making them strong candidates for this contract.