

Two local businesses have been shortlisted for Energy North Best Renewable Energy Service Supply Award along with Thurso based Environmental Research Institute, part of the North Highland College, are up for Best Exporter. In addition and Harper Macleod, based at Renewables @ No. 10, 10 Sinclair Street, Thurso which is Caithness Renewables' hot desk facility.

The Energy North Best Renewable Energy Service is to celebrate all businesses that have contributed directly or indirectly in supplying a service to support the renewable energy sector. Both Scrabster Harbour Trust and Caithness Renewables Ltd have been shortlisted for this category.

Best Exporter is to acknowledge that an organisation who have their headquarters in the North of Scotland and Islands have developed or increased business internationally. Harper Macleod are up for Best Employer Engagement which is to celebrate and acknowledge an organisation which has made significant development and investment in its people and are reaping the rewards for this.

The winner for these awards will be announced at an Awards dinner at the end of October.

In addition to this, Caithness Renewables is in the running for The Guardian Small Business Showcase rewards innovation and best practice across the small business sector. Caithness Renewables entry into the Marketing and PR Excellence category is now available to view on the Guardian website. The winner of this award will be announced next year. Inclusion in these national awards was made possible due to the recent expansion, both in terms of staff and services, of Caithness Renewables.



Shortlist 2013

The annual Energy North Awards celebrate the success that is taking place within a diverse energy sector operating in the North of Scotland and Islands. They are designed to recognise the contribution of all types of businesses and individuals in developing the energy industry in the area, be it projects, services, technology, investment or skills. The companies listed below are indicative of the diversity and excellence taking place in the North. Judging takes place in October and the winners are announced at a glittering ceremony on Thursday 31st October.

Best Oil & Gas Industry Service Supplier

Opus
Scrabster Harbour
The Underwater Centre

Best Renewable Energy Project – Onshore or Offshore

ABO Wind - Lairg Wind Farm
Aquamarine Power - Lewis Wave Power Project
Burradale Wind Farm
Green Marine - Andritz Hydro Hammerfest HS1000

Best Renewable Energy Service Supplier

Beleas
Caithness Renewables
Green Marine
Moray Firth Marine
Orkney Islands Council Marine Services
Scrabster Harbour



Notes to Editors

Energy North Awards shortlist - <http://www.energynorth.co.uk/Home/Awards-2013/Shortlist-2013.aspx>

Guardian Small Business Showcase - <http://www.theguardian.com/small-business-network/2013/oct/08/showcase-marketing-pr-caithness-renewables>