



IO/ZN/3/2023

Sopot, 22 June 2023

**EXPLANATIONS AND AMENDMENT OF THE CONTRACT NOTICE
IN THE AREA OF SCIENCE**

*re. procedure for **ship charter service for the purpose of carrying out a scientific cruise in the territorial waters of Estonia (Gulf of Finland)***

Dear Sir/Madam

The Contracting Authority – the Institute of Oceanology of the Polish Academy of Science informs, that it is providing the answer to the following question, which has been received by the Contracting Authority on 22.06.2023:

Question:

Do you recognize documents signed with Estonian e-signature, documents signed manually and photocopied or only manually signed and physically delivered to the Procurer?

Answer

The Contracting Authority accepts submitting the bid with the required documents and statements in the form of a scan of signed documents or in the form of an electronic document signed with a qualified electronic signature, trusted signature (in accordance with Polish law) or personal signature (in accordance with Polish law).

Therefore, the Contracting Authority will accept documents signed with Estonian e-signature if this signature meets requirements of qualified electronic signature.

The Contracting Authority will also accept documents signed manually and scanned.

Due to the form of submission of the Bids (via email), the Contracting Authority will not accept documents manually signed and physically delivered to the Contracting Authority (paper version of documents).

In consequence of answers given above, the Contracting Authority amends the provision of Chapter VII Section 1 of the Contract Notice, so that it reads as follows:

“The Bid signed by a person authorized to act in the Contractor’s name should be submitted no later than on 28 June 2023, 10:00 am (Central European Time - CET) by email – azariczna@iopan.pl - entitled „The Bid for the ship charter service for the purpose of carrying out a scientific cruise in the territorial waters of Estonia (Gulf of Finland) - IO/ZN/3/2023”

The Contracting Authority accepts submitting the bid with the required documents and statements in the form of a scan of signed documents or in the form of an electronic document signed with a qualified electronic signature, trusted signature or personal signature.“