

**IO/ZN/5/2021** Sopot, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## INFORMATION ABOUT NOT AWARDED CONTRACT AND CANCELATION OF THE PROCEDURE

re. the procedure for the delivery of dissolved oxygen, water level, salinity data, pH, and temperature / light loggers (procedure No. IO/ZN/5/2021)

I. The Contracting Authority – the Institute of Oceanology of the Polish Academy of Science – informs that in accordance to Chapter VII section 25 letter a) the procedure for **the delivery of dissolved oxygen, water level, salinity data, pH, and temperature / light loggers** for the Institute of Oceanology of the Polish Academy of Science - procedure No. IO/ZN/5/2021 was cancelled.

## Justification

There was one bid submitted in the procedure – by the Contractor Volue Instrument Technology AS, Kleverveien 3, 1540 Vestby, Norway.

The Contracting Authority rejected offer submitted by this Contractor on basis of Chapter VII section 14 of the Notice. Due to the fact that all submitted bids were rejected, the Contracting Authority cancelled the procedure on basis of Chapter VII section 25 letter a) of the Notice.

II. The Contracting Authority – the Institute of Oceanology of the Polish Academy of Science – informs that in accordance to Chapter VII section 14 of the Notice the bid offer submitted by Contractor Volue Instrument Technology AS was rejected.

## **Justification**

The bid offer submitted by the Contractor Volue Instrument Technology AS had a number of deficiencies that resulted in the bid not corresponding to the content of the Notice. At the same time the deficiencies due to their nature, could not be corrected pursuant to Chapter VII section 23 of the Notice.

The deficiencies found in the Bid:

- The Contractor sent its offer to wrong email address (office@iopan.pl). Pursuant to section 1
  Chapter VII of the Notice, the bid should be submitted no later than on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 10:00
  am (Central European Time CET) by email mmasnicka@iopan.pl. In consequence to submitting the bid to wrong email address (the email address of the office), the bid offer was not submitted on proper email address (mmasnicka@iopan.pl) by the deadline (the email was noticed and forwarded to the right email address after the deadline).
- 2. The Contractor in its Bid did not calculate the price in a proper way. The procedure was divided into parts Packages (on basis of the type of logger), every part being separate from the rest. Every part had separate substantial evaluation and was given separate points (A bid price 100%). In accordance to section 2 of Chapter VI of the Notice the bid price (net value) quoted in the bid shall include all costs related to the performance of the Contract, including but not limited to cost of the object of the contract (with documentation, software and firmware), cost of packaging, transport to the place of destination and insurance during delivery to the place of destination, cost of warranty and warranty service, as well as cost of granting a license for software and firmware.

That means that every Package should include all elements specified above.



The Contractor in its Bid stated Net value of every Package not including costs of shipping. The net value of all Packages was summed up and then the cost of shipping was added.

Due to the way the procedure was designed (dividing the procedure into parts), the Bid offer of the Contractor was created in the wrong way and the offer cannot be compared with other potential bids.

3. The Contractor was obligated in every Package to state the Bid price (net value in case of foreign entities) of the Package and Gross price (net value in case of foreign entities) for one logger. The Contractor in its offer skipped on stating the net value of one piece of equipment in every part (Package).

Due to reasons set above, the Bid offer submitted by the Contractor does not correspond to the content of the Notice (in particular to section 1 Chapter VII, section 3 Chapter VI, Appendix No. 1 – the Bid Form in regard to stating the Bid price (net value) and gross price (net value) for one piece of the equipment). In consequence the bid was rejected on basis of Chapter VII section 14 of the Notice

Notwithstanding the above, the Contractor in his bid did not specify following elements (point 11 to 13 of the Bid Form):

- The person authorized to sign the Contract,
- Correspondence data (internet page of the Contractor, email address, phone number, fax number),
- The authorized contact person.
- III. The Institute of Oceanology of the Polish Academy of Science informs that, due to cancelation of the procedure, the contract in this procedure was not awarded.