VANGUARD FAQs

What is the status update on the VANGUARD solicitation? What is the strategy moving forward?

VANGUARD is currently a series of contract spanning various IT needs of the Department. As the solutions reach their respective contract ends, we are committed to building future acquisition strategies that uphold statutory guidance and create small business opportunities while enabling our programs to meet our mission.

As the term VANGUARD covers multiple iterations and contract actions, replacement nomenclature will be introduced as new solutions are established. Moving ahead, future contract strategies will focus on maximizing efficiency for program needs by focusing on four core areas of functionality: Equipment, Logistics, Services, and Administration.

We look forward to working with our partners across industry to deliver IRM and the Department with innovative resources.

What is the anticipated release date of the VANGUARD RFP?

The release dates can vary based on the specific VANGUARD solution.

If multiple contracts, will they be broken out by restricted or unrestricted?

Each contract strategy will be based on thoughtful market research and we recognize the vital role our business partners play in that process. Vendors are encouraged to monitor beta.sam and participate in the RFIs, attend industry days, etc. to help us determine the competitive landscape to meet the program needs.

Will the scope of work under VANGUARD grow to include additional services?

Currently, AQM is assessing contracts, like VANGUARD, to ensure the scope is broad enough to ensure all elements of a program's needs are met while being mindful of bundling and consolidation concerns.

Future strategies may seek to establish IRM-wide or even Department-wide solutions that are accessible across programs with requirements met by the scope.