Trademark is a word, phrase, symbol or design, or a combination of words, phrases, symbols or designs, that identifies and distinguishes the source of the goods of one party from those of others.

Service Mark is a word, phrase, symbol or design, or a combination of words, phrases, symbols or designs, that identifies and distinguishes the source of a service of one party from that of other parties.

However, in certain cases, it may be in the Government’s best interest for DISA to own a trademark or service mark first created under an acquisition contract. For example, Government ownership may be desired for a mark that is to be used exclusively in connection with a government-controlled service that the contractor manages for DISA. DISA’s Office of the General Counsel should be consulted to determine if there is a need to negotiate trademark ownership rights with the contractor and seek federal trademark protection on DISA’s behalf by filing an application to register the trademark or service mark with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.