

News Release

MAK Technologies Completes Phase 1 and Advances to Phase 2 of U.S. Marine Corps ACV Crew Gunnery Trainer Program

Orlando, FL, September 30, 2026 - MAK Technologies (MAK), a company of ST Engineering North America, today announced the successful completion of Phase 1 of the Amphibious Combat Vehicle (ACV) Crew Gunnery Trainer (CGT) program for the United States Marine Corps, including successful completion of the Final User Evaluation (FUE) and delivery of the trainer prototype. Building on this achievement, MAK has also been awarded Phase 2 of the program, which will further expand and mature the training capability in support of Marine Corps readiness.

Developed and delivered in just six months, the ACV CGT prototype provides a safe, repeatable environment for Marines to develop crew coordination and gunnery skills before live-fire training. The system includes dedicated Driver, Gunner, Commander, and Instructor/Operator Stations, enabling complete crew training, performance assessment, and after-action review capabilities. Throughout development, Marines provided direct feedback during a series of user evaluations that helped refine the system and contributed to the successful completion of Phase 1.

The Phase 2 award reflects the success of the initial prototype effort and will continue the partnership between MAK and the Marine Corps to enhance and evolve the ACV CGT based on operational requirements and user feedback.

"The successful completion of Phase 1 and award of Phase 2 represent significant milestones for both MAK and the Marine Corps," said Bill Cole, CEO of MAK Technologies. "In just six months, our team delivered a training capability that progressed from concept to a working system evaluated by Marines and used to support training. We are proud to continue this partnership as we build on that foundation and further advance ACV crew training."

"The FUE validated the benefits of crew-based training and demonstrated how quickly Marines could begin developing the coordination and decision-making skills required to operate the ACV effectively," said Captain Fanning, USMC Project Officer of ACV Crew Gunnery Trainer, PM AAA. "We're excited to build on the success of the prototype as the capability expands to the ACV-30 variant and continues toward a fielded production system."

MAK Technologies, a company of ST Engineering North America, is a leading provider of military simulation technology and training systems. For more than 30 years, MAK has been a trusted supplier of the MAK ONE suite of Commercial-Off-the-Shelf (COTS) simulation software to governments, system integrators, and customers around the world. Using the strength and flexibility of the MAK ONE simulation platform, MAK excels as a partner and prime in developing tailored solutions to unique training challenges. MAK's end-user training systems built on MAK ONE are portable, easy to use and maintain, visually appealing, and able to meet individual and collective training requirements. Please visit <https://www.mak.com> for more information.

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