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**NSW'S ROBOT ARMY ENLISTS WITH US MARINE CORPS**

A squad of crack NSW robots has been shipped out to the United States to help train the Marine Corps in marksmanship, Deputy Premier and Minister for Trade and Investment Andrew Stoner said.

Mr Stoner said the eight robots have been designed and built by Sydney company Marathon Targets to train soldiers in live firing exercises.

The NSW Government has assisted the company's technology development and targeting of the US defence market through NSW Trade & Investment.

"Marathon Targets last year won a contract worth up to A\$57 million with the United States Marine Corps Systems Command to trial its advanced robot technology," Mr Stoner said.

"The free-ranging, armour-plated and networked robots are programmed to mimic human behaviour to provide a realistic, challenging and interactive training scenario for marksmen.

"The robots can run day and night in all weather conditions and have the ability to turn on the spot, change direction, navigate buildings, avoid obstacles, and even duck for cover when fired upon."

Mr Stoner said the NSW robots have been assessed and endorsed by the US Foreign Comparative Testing (FCT) program, which tests market-ready technologies with potential to support US defence requirements.

"The first eight robots have now been shipped to Quantico in Virginia, the site of one of the largest US Marine Corps bases in the world, where they will be used for formal marksmanship training, with the potential for further sales," Mr Stoner said.

"As a result of the FCT endorsement, Marathon Targets not only has a green light to sell its robots to the US Marine Corps but can also sell to other US agencies with an interest in marksmanship training, including the military, special forces and law enforcement groups.

"Marathon Targets has developed a two-wheel version of its robots called the T20 as well as a four-wheel version called the T40 for rougher off-road terrain."

Mr Stoner said Marathon Robotics has been assisted by NSW Trade & Investment through its Global Growth Program and Australian Technology Showcase, and won the NSW Government's major \$50,000 innovation award at Tech23 last year which assisted its expansion into a new Marrickville factory headquarters.