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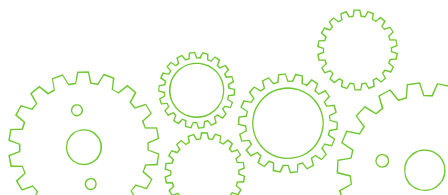
**N**ortheast Ohio was the first to learn about a federal program open only to small- and mid-sized businesses that encourages research in the areas of “critical national need,” such as energy, water filtration, sustainable manufacturing and communications infrastructure.

Carol Caruso, senior vice president of advocacy at the Greater Cleveland Partnership (GCP), says that as the competition for limited congressional earmarks gets tougher, the GCP continues to look for alternative ways to attract federal funds to the region. “We were extremely successful in competing for Ohio Third

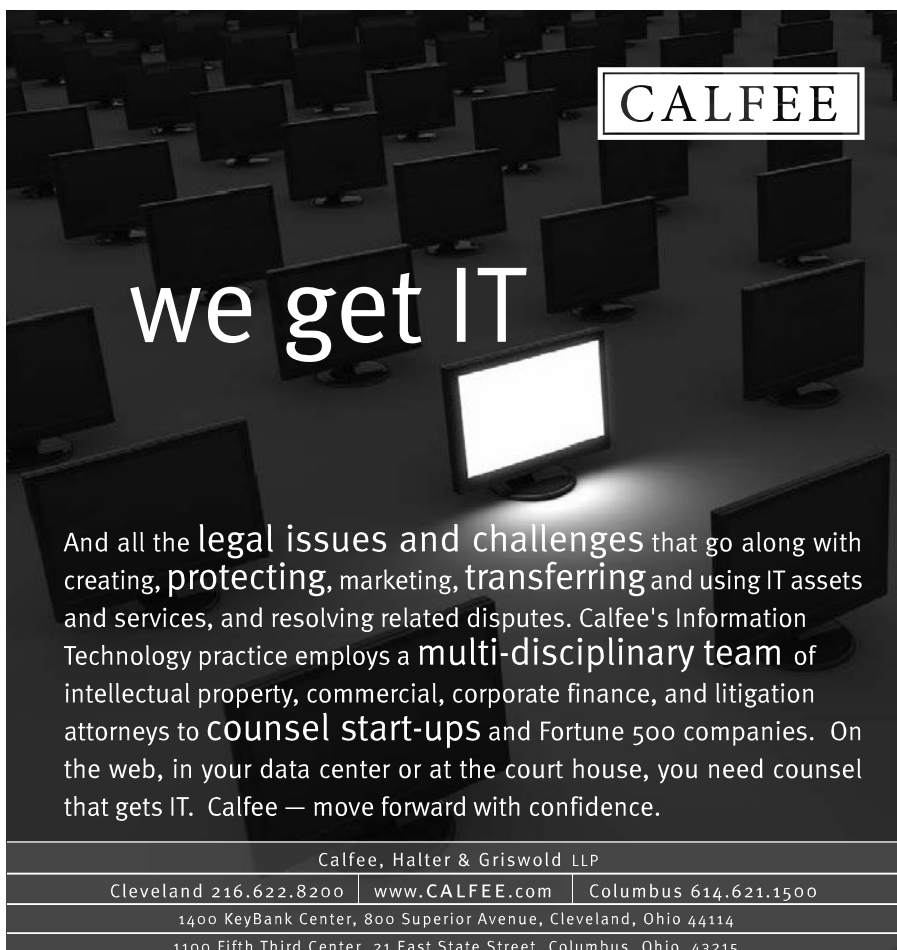
Frontier funding, and we expect this program will also benefit Northeast Ohio companies.” ●

— Amanda Marko, GCP

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Marc Stanley, director of Technology and Innovation Program (TIP), says, “Cleveland ‘gets it’ in terms of technology development.” While in town, Stanley also toured NanoFilms, University Hospitals and The Cleveland Clinic.

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