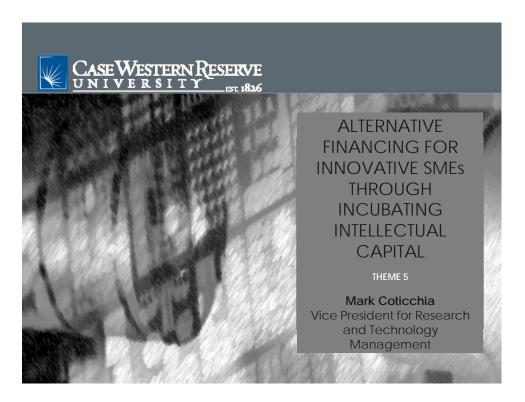
WIPO SME Conference in Buenos Aires July 17-18, 2008

The primary objective of the event is to provide participants practical knowledge on the value of the Intellectual Property Rights system and on the strategic role IP can play in accessing/securing finance from private or public sources.

The program is meant for seed capitalists, business angels, venture capitalists, owners and managers of SMEs, universities, research centers, officials from public sector, private intermediary organizations interested in IP and innovation issues, chambers of commerce, trade institutions and other SME support institutions, entrepreneurs, etc.

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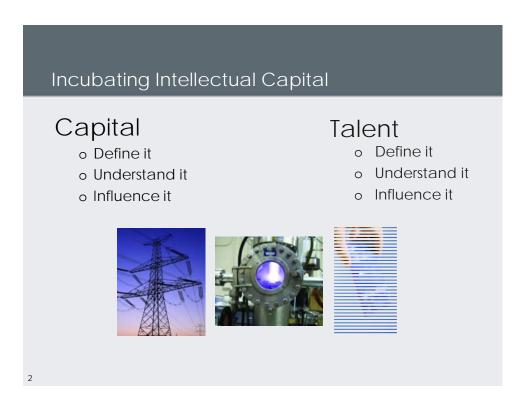
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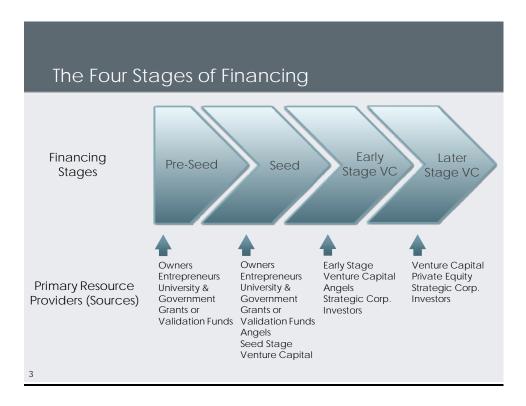
- Thank you & introduction
- Our approach at Case Western University involves incubating intellectual capital.
- First, I'd like to explain that my perspective is shaped by my professional experience. My current position is Vice President of Research at a major academic research institution where we conduct over \$400M in research annually. We have a \$1.6B dollar endowment, \$800M operating budget, and my division manages several thousand transactions per year.
- I am an engineer by training and have worked in industry, government, and academia. I have also held various engineering,

marketing, and business development positions in those sectors. In addition, I have been an entrepreneur and an early stage venture capitalist. So I believe that I bring a unique perspective to this subject.

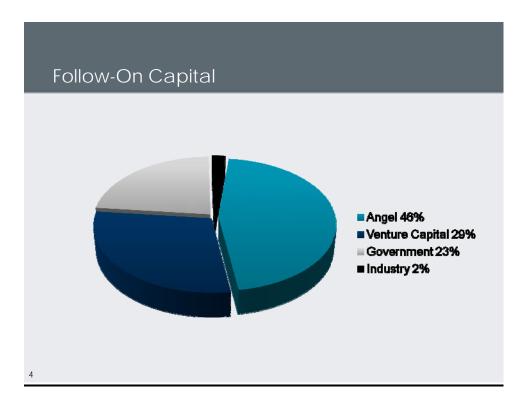
- Also, I recognize that the U.S. system is different from Argentina and South America, and it is truly my hope that you find some ideas and tools that you can borrow from what I am about to share with you. I encourage you to look for the similarities, not the differences.
- Incubating as a concept, it turns out, is too small, too internal, and it needs to be expanded, refined, added to, and improved.
- We need to become more strategic about it.



- So, at Case, we try to create and foster an environment for high impact assistance and transformational change so that companies can grow and attract capital.
- And key to our program is getting aggressive and strategic when it comes to **Capital and Talent**.
- By strategic, I mean you have to define, understand, and influence both capital and talent.



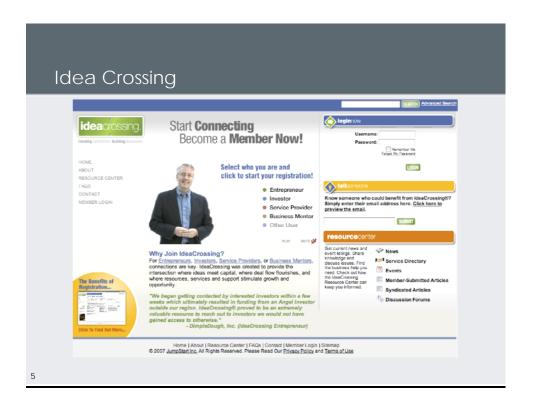
- In terms of *Capital*, let's first review the **Four Stages of Financing**.
- Understanding capital begins with knowledge of the various stages in the funding process.
- First, one goes through the mundane but very important work of defining stages of operations, stages of capital, types of investors, and industries.
- This is the first part of creating a culture in your region that understands capital, and is using the same vocabulary to describe it.



- A good way to address this is to get a group together to define what capital stages exist in your region.
- In your region, how much money has gone into early stage companies by angel investors in the past 5 years? \$5 million? 100 million? A billion?
- How much by government funds?
- How much by corporate funds?
- How much by venture capital investors?
- How does this compare to other regions and other time periods?
- One way to address the shortcomings that may be identified through this process is by networking; know what conferences and

even online resources exist in your region for attracting capital to companies.

- Get involved and interact.
- Here's one example of an online resource for entrepreneurs to introduce themselves to angel investors.



- **IdeaCrossing** is an Internet resource available to all individuals and organizations with an interest in supporting and promoting entrepreneurial activity.
- It is intended to help entrepreneurs find the assistance and investment capital they need to launch promising new business ventures. Additionally, IdeaCrossing serves the Angel and Venture Capital Community by identifying and screening new investment opportunities.
- Simply stated, IdeaCrossing is about creating the connections that build businesses.



- In Ohio, we are fortunate to have various incentive programs to encourage investors to invest in companies.
- In Ohio, funds can be obtained from the **Ohio Capital Fund** and the Ohio Retirement System.
- This incentivizes venture capitalists with money to set up operations in Ohio it is a way to induce growth of the venture capital industry.
- The Ohio Capital Fund offers \$150 million for high-performing venture capital funds who set up offices in Ohio or who invest in Ohio companies.
- The State of Ohio also has a Technology Investment Tax Credit program. It offers a variety of benefits to Ohio taxpayers who invest in small research-and-development and technology-oriented firms.

Ohio Midwest Fund

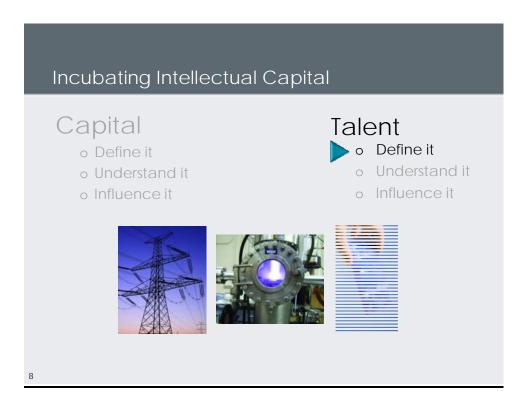
Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) and Credit Suisse:

- Invested more than \$125 million in Ohio companies
- Impacted over 2,500 jobs in Ohio
- \$61 million in capital from follow-on investors
- \$186 million impact; i.e. 4.7x multiplier to capital drawn.

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- Another example is the Ohio Midwest Fund.
- The Ohio Midwest Fund is a fund-of-funds that invests in high quality, private equity funds that focus on making investments in the Ohio and Midwest regions.
- The fund is capitalized with \$100 million from the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) and approximately \$2 million from Credit Suisse.
- As of January 2008, 12 fund investments have been made, representing a total commitment of \$72 million. To date, the funds in the program have invested more than \$125 million in Ohio companies—across 24 platform investments, and a number of other bolt-on opportunities;

- Positively impacted over 2,500 jobs in Ohio;
- Attracted over \$61 million in capital from additional investors; and
- Created a net impact in Ohio of \$186 million—or a 4.7x multiplier to capital drawn.



- Let's move on to the other major part of our three-dimensional incubation model: Talent.
- What is great talent?



- Here's an example of how to define great talent just so you never lose track of what good talent is.
- Have guidelines on what great talent looks like, what tradeoffs companies can and should make regarding talent, when companies should bring in talent, how they should do it, how they should compensate great talent, etc.
- Find the A Players based on their experience and skills, as outlined in this slide.
- Understanding talent means keeping track of it.

- Keep a database of talented entrepreneurs, venture capitalists, etc.
- Keep constant eye on top-talent that has grown companies.

What Makes a Service Provider Great?

World Class

- o Have served clients around the world
- Expert in working with small, high-growth companies

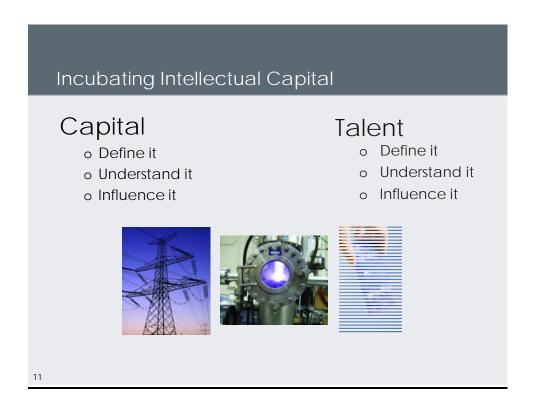
Extra Effort

 Willing to do something special, economically speaking, for company

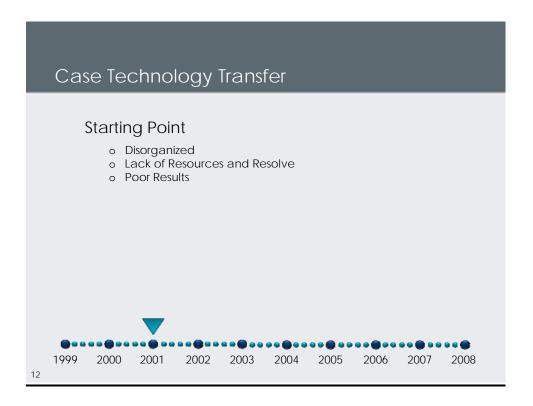
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- Also have database of great service providers: Lawyers, marketing consultants, accountants, executive recruiters.
- Make sure they are not just good, but **great**.
- We use two criteria:
- First, are they world class?
- Have they served clients around the world?
- Are they expert in working with small, high growth companies?
- Second, are they willing to do something special, economically, for the company (such as offering a discount; offering equity in lieu of cash; offering to attend a board of directors meetings for free).

- Create a service partners program around such providers.
- Communicate this program, use it, and refine it.



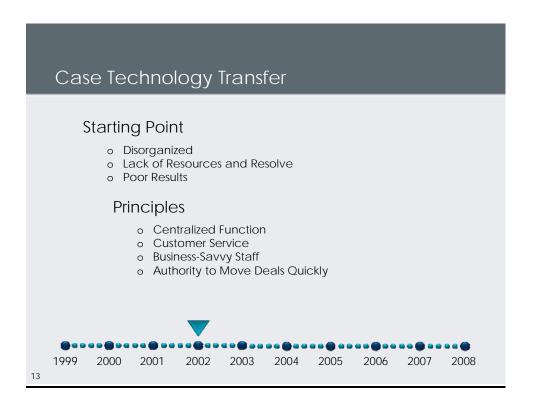
- Now let's move to another example of nurturing intellectual capital.
- This time, we're going to talk about **Capital** and **Talent** that were required to completely reorganize the Technology Transfer function at Case Western Reserve University.
- Just as for SMEs, I went through a similar process of assessing **Capital** and **Talent** when I agreed to lead the university's research and technology management efforts in 2001.
- ... of defining it, understanding it, and influencing both to in turn, effect positive change in our region.



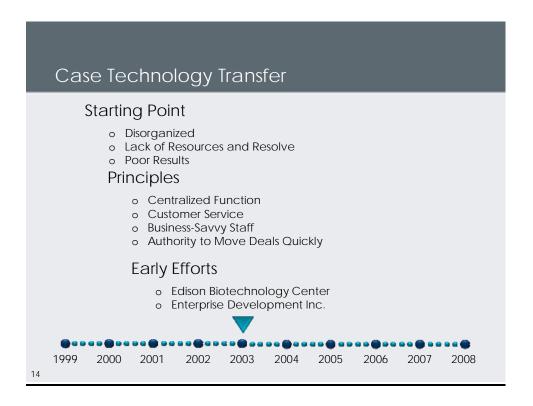
- In fact, Case was a mess its tech transfer efforts were disjointed, decentralized, and disorganized internally.
- The university had \$200 million in research, 60 invention disclosures, 10 licensing deals, no spin offs, and \$2 million in revenues, which is 50% off the mark compared to national benchmarks.
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- I want to take a moment to point out that the amount and quality of research is an important driver for success in this business. While I am focusing on the technology transfer part of the process of moving research results into society, the technology transfer professionals are only the "packagers", not the creators or

inventors, and we must not overlook the fact that the size of the research base at an institution, or in a region, is a major determinant for large scale success.

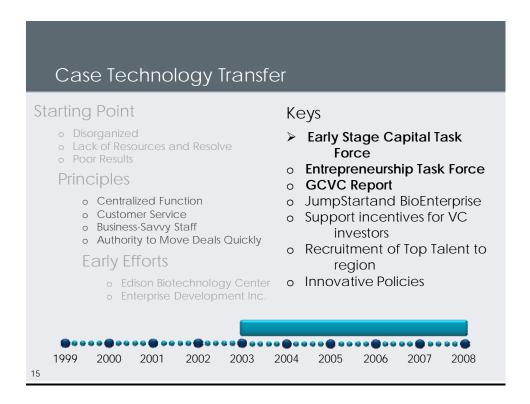
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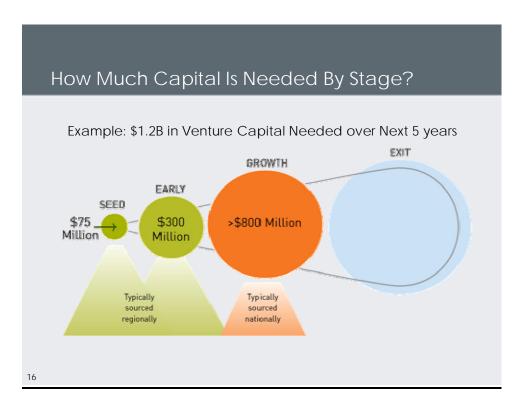
• So, as part of my work when I arrived, Case rebuilt its TTO around four concepts: centralized function, customer service, staff who were business people, and the **authority** to move deals quickly.



Early on in our re-engineering process, Case's technology transfer office worked closely with two entities that Case owned part of – Edison Biotechnology Center and Enterprise Development, traditional incubators that offered, simply, real estate.



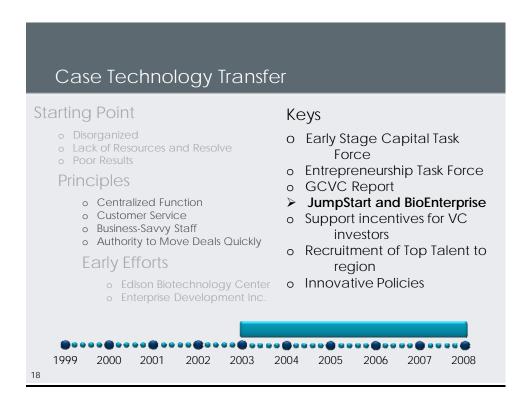
- Gradually, and through diligence and hard work, we began to see some successes.
- We continued to focus on capital and talent.
- Among the key points was our involvement in something called the *Early Stage Capital Task Force*.



- The Early Stage Capital Task Force was a group of people in Northeast Ohio – Cleveland's region – trying to precisely *define* the venture capital situation.
- It took three years to agree and understand it, but we finally did.
- We identified the stages of funding, and tracked amounts of funding to the region a 23-county area in Northeast Ohio.
- We searched out stories of great exits so that we would understand who had succeeded and how.



- The result: The Greater Cleveland Venture Capital report: a roadmap to build the venture capital industry in our region.
- This roadmap identified the *actions* necessary to address the lack of capital and talent.
- Specifically, it paved the way for collaboration, cooperation, and partnership between the research institutions, foundations, angels, VCs, and the state.
- More importantly, it was designed to *reduce risk* and *increase deal flow* in order to attract more venture capital and talent to the region.



• The roadmap called for the creation for two new entities: **JumpStart** and **BioEnterprise**.

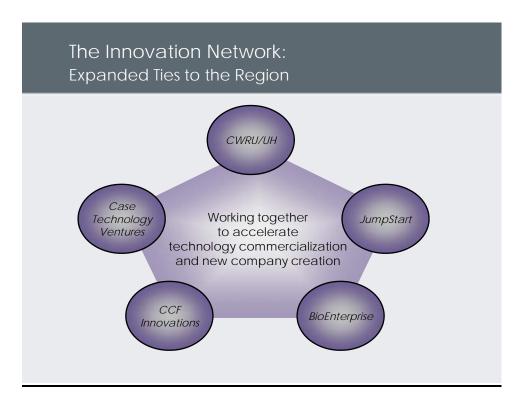


- *JumpStart* is a seed-funding entity and one of the most active investors in America it's ranked in the Top 10 by *Entrepreneur Magazine*.
- JumpStart has invested in a couple of Case's spinout companies.
- I'm on the JumpStart board and involved every single day.
- It was not easy to disband some older organizations with outdated approaches.
- But it was the right thing to do.
- This is how to influence capital, and we knew it.
- Another key creation was **BioEnterprise**.

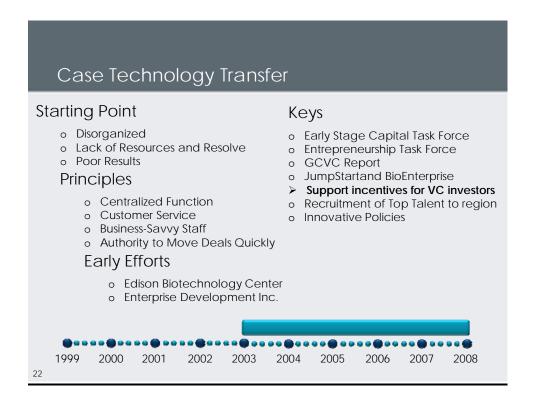


- (BioEnterprise slide)
- This business accelerator helps biomedical companies attract venture capital.
- Has helped attract \$585M out of a total \$860M in capital to medically-oriented companies in Cleveland area over past four years.
- I'm on the BioEnterprise board and have weekly contact.

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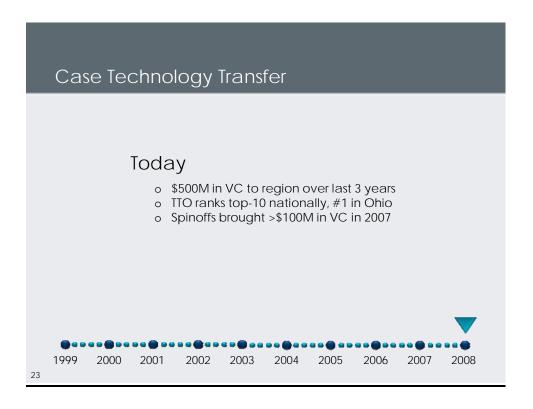
- BioEnterprise, JumpStart, and the Case Technology Transfer Office are part of what we've come to call Northeast Ohio's Innovation Network.
- The network also includes two world-class hospitals that neighbor us, and is a central point of commercialization effort for the region.



- Another key to our transformation in the third dimension was our support of **state incentives** for venture capital investors – such as the Ohio Capital Fund and Ohio Mid-West Fund that I described earlier.
- Partly because of these, more than 20 venture funds have opened here in the past 4 years.
- Cleveland now has more healthcare venture capital investors than any other place between the East Coast and West Coast of the United States.
- Another key to success has been our recruitment of top talent.
- We tried to define it with the A/B/C player chart I showed earlier.

- We provided money to retain executive recruiters to find that first CEO, management team, and money for consultants to hone the business plan.
- The recruiters we used came from the top recruiting firms.
- Our motto on talent because it's so hard to get top talent to Cleveland is "Whatever it takes."
- That's the attitude you've got to have.
- We have developed **guidelines** on talent founder's role, when to hire a CEO and others, how they should do it, etc.
- All of this served as more of a baseline so the building of the management team is done methodically.
- We offer seminars and lectures on a quarterly basis regarding topics such as how to spin off companies, and what is the role of a technical entrepreneur.
- We have developed innovative policies.
- For instance, researchers and professors can have a consulting relationship with the company they spin off, or they can take a leave of absence for up to two years.
- In our IP policy, our inventors get 50% of the proceeds from successful commercialization, including a piece of the equity.
- We work closely with entrepreneur-in-residence programs at a variety of places, including JumpStart and BioEnterprise.
- And we have established a network of great service providers inside and outside the university.

- Our researchers and professors have the "**full force**" of the university behind them to help with deals.
- And now we're seeing some great successes.



- Today, this is how we look:
- Northeast Ohio has attracted \$500 million in venture capital over the last 3 years.
- We're moving toward our goal of \$1.2 billion over the next 5 years.
- Our TTO operation, from its dismal numbers in 2001, now ranks in the top-10 nationally and number one in Ohio.
- Last year, Case's spinouts received more than \$100 million in VC.



• One of our spinouts, **Athersys**, which develops therapeutics, raised \$80 million and went public.



- Another start up, **Synapse Biomedical**, pioneers minimally invasive neuro-stimulation devices.
- It has developed a breathing device that was first trialed by the late American actor Christopher Reeve.
- Synapse attracted capital from early stage funds and then venture capital from California an example of the increasing amount of capital flowing to Northeast Ohio from other regions.
- Athersys and Synapse are only two of many winners or emerging success stories.
- More great successes are in store for us.

- It's been a lot of work.
- And I should be clear that this has been an effort by many people.
- But I got involved in developing this ecosystem so that the university could be a key player in driving the transformation of the region into a three-dimensional incubator model.

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Learn More About Tech Transfer at Case

To learn more, contact the Technology Transfer Office at Case Western Reserve University. Please visit our Web site:

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- So, tech transfer and incubating technologies is becoming threedimensional.
- You are right on the cusp of making this happen.
- It takes years; in my experience 3-5 years to start to see this happen, and 5-10 to see real progress and success.
- We have to be patient.
- Most importantly, you've got to just get out there and try to make it happen in your universities, incubators, communities, and companies.

- Get your hands dirty, try some ideas, experiment, and test the barriers.
- Is it worth it?
- You bet, because the price of not doing it is irrelevance.
- We now know that we are not one-dimensional or even twodimensional, but multidimensional.
- We know that we need to offer very high value resources—more than real estate, and more than editing business plans, which are valuable without doubt, but without doubt they're not enough.
- Rather, we need to offer real guidelines and knowledge and real connections to capital and talent.
- We operate in an ecosystem that is flawed and needs our knowledge and influence to help it improve.
- And as you test it and embrace it, it's a lot of work but it is a lot of fun too.
- Attitude is extremely important and one of the keys to success.
 And the first step is *believing* that it can be done. Do you believe???
- Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today and I look forward to taking your questions.