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Ph.D. student Courtney Stevens (left), research assistant Kate Cody, Brain Development Lab Director Helen Neville and Electronics Instrument Technician Alan Younis talk while standing around the lab's MRI machine.

Funds

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legislation would be used to fund brain imagery technology and research the connections between brains and genetics, adding that the Brain, Biology and Machine Initiative has already made progress in studying functions of the brain such as attention, memory and language.

Funding from previous years has been used to study the nervous systems of animals such as zebrafish and cuttlefish. In addition, the lab has researched the effects of genetics, experiences and the environment on the mental development of children.

"We're trying to create a bridge between genetics and the brain," Neville said.

On Time Systems is also looking to benefit from the proposed spending bill.

On Time Systems CEO Matt Ginsberg said he would be "pleasantly

surprised" if his company received the requested \$4 million, but seemed confident that it would pan out.

"I would be very surprised if we didn't," Ginsberg said.

Ginsberg said the company focuses on making manufacturing more efficient in both military and civilian operations. The company is developing software to make ship building more cost-effective for the U.S. Navy.

Ginsberg noted that a company such as General Motors Corp. wants to be extremely productive, making as many cars as possible. The Navy, on the other hand, wants to make a set number of ships and save money rather than having a surplus of equipment, Ginsberg explained.

"I know that saving the Navy money won't directly help social programs," Ginsberg said. "But at some level, making the government more efficient will benefit many people."

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