Portland home prices have never been better, at least in the last seven years. Up 10.5 percent since last March in the U.S., Portland boasts gains of 15.4 percent over the same period. Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae and congressional representatives are still digesting reports, from the FHFA, highlighting the rising value of government-sponsored entities and single family homes as debate continues to rage over whether to privatise the mortgage giants.

Medical office buildings are seeing their cap rates compress through 2013, says a survey of 70 companies in the industry. Portland apartments are seeing some of the best rent growth in the country and have achieved occupancy above 96% for six consecutive quarters. Portland State is moving to add 42,000 sf to its business school after an anonymous $8 million dollar donation from an alum. The Langer family have purchased Tanasbourne Central in a property exchange. (Click Titles for Full Story)

**Home Prices Jump, See Biggest Gains in Seven Years**

A survey shows U.S. home prices rose 10.5 percent in March compared with a year ago, the biggest gain since March 2006. Core Logic, a real estate data provider, said annual home prices have now increased for 13 straight months. Prices are rising in part because more buyers are bidding on a limited supply of homes.

**Ground Shifts for Fannie, Freddie**

Since they were seized by the federal government and bailed out with more than $200 billion in taxpayer funds, government-sponsored entities (GSEs) Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac have been in a kind of limbo. The Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac programs continue to be the leading source of permanent financing for the apartment business. But they are

**MOB Cap Rates Continue Compressing**

For professionals involved in selling, or investing in, medical office buildings, learning where capitalization rates are how – and where they’re heading -- is important. Knowing such information can help buyers and sellers prepare for transactions involving income-producing buildings, as the cap rate is typically used.

**Portland Apartment Market Continues to Put Up Impressive Numbers**

Portland’s apartment market remains one of the best in the country for annual rent growth and occupancy. And neither the moderately large volume of new supply nor the spike in single-family home sales notably weakened Portland’s apartment market fundamentals. Rent Growth: In the year-ending 1st quarter 2013,

**Portland State to More than Double Size of Business School**

Portland State University plans to more than double the physical size of its School of Business Administration thanks largely to an $8 million anonymous gift from an alum. The project will add 42,000 square feet of new construction and renovations to the school's existing 52,000 square feet.

**Hillsboro Shopping Center Sells for $12.4 Million**

The Langer family, which is partnering with Gramor Development on a $50 million retail development in Sherwood, has used the proceeds of a recent sale to Walmart to purchase a shopping center in Hillsboro. This week, Gramor announced that a 145,000-square-foot Walmart will anchor its Sherwood Town Center planned for the former Lang-