

Obama Wins 2nd Term

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land, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Vermont and the District of Columbia.

The vote Tuesday marked the end of a grueling race. For Obama, the election is the last time his name will appear on a ballot, or so he claims. For Romney, the election closed out a nearly six-year run for the presidency. The Republican nominee ran unsuccessfully in 2008.

Obama's 2012 campaign slogan was forward! The race was different from 2008, when Obama ran on a lofty message of change and leveraged voter dissatisfac-

tion with the George W. Bush administration -- and particularly the war in Iraq -- to defeat Republican nominee John McCain.

This time around, each candidate's campaign message was bound to the state of the economy, having suffered a recession shortly before Obama took office. Romney argued forcefully that Obama failed to deliver the kind of economic rebound that typically follows a downturn.

The Republican nominee accused the president of throwing money at the problem with a poorly designed stimulus, and then abandoning the issue altogether

to focus on passing ObamaCare. Romney argued that the health care law, along with countless regulations and an allegedly anti-business attitude, all combined to stand in the way of a full-throated recovery.

Issues like the Libya terror attack and the threat from Iran's nuclear program brought foreign policy into the mix, but the economy remained central.

But Obama argued all along that, despite the slack in the system, the country was moving in the right direction. He pointed to recent economic reports, including Labor Department data showing the jobless rate falling below 8

percent for the first time since he took office, as signs that the economy was improving and would get better over time.

He warned that Romney's agenda -- which he described as

tax breaks for the rich and giveaways to corporations -- would only reprise the "failed" economic policies of the prior administration which he claimed led to the recession.

Hurricane Sandy Relief Donations

To help Hurricane Sandy victims on the East Coast, Wells Fargo has programmed most of its ATMs, including those in Oregon and southwest Washington, to enable its customers to donate to the American Red Cross relief efforts.

There is no fee for the service. Wells Fargo will send 100 percent of the donations to the American Red Cross.

"The coming days and weeks are going to be

difficult for those impacted by this devastating, historic storm and Wells Fargo wants to help," said Don Person, Oregon Wells Fargo regional president.

Wells Fargo is also donating \$1 million, which includes \$250,000 for the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund to support relief efforts the agency is directing with the remaining \$750,000 going to nonprofits conducting grassroots relief and recovery efforts in the affected areas.

Contractor Certification Workshop

Certification is the first step to working with the State of Oregon as a contractor. To learn more, the public is invited to learn about working with the state, the procurement system and the Oregon Minority, Women and Emerging Small Businesses certification

process at a workshop hosted by the Office of Equity and Inclusion at the Multnomah County Board Room, 501 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd., on Friday, Nov. 16 at 9:30 a.m. Space is limited. Email Helen Hoang at helen.h.hoang@state.or.us to register.

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