UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

OUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the Quarterly Period Ended September 30, 2006 Commission File No. 000-22490



FORWARD AIR CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Tennessee

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 430 Airport Road Greeneville, Tennessee (Address of principal executive offices)

62-1120025 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

> 37745 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (423) 636-7000

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes 🗵 No 🗆

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer 🗵

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes 🗆 No 🗵

The number of shares outstanding of the registrant's common stock, \$0.01 par value, as of October 30, 2006 was 30,461,491.

Accelerated filer \Box

Non-accelerated filer \Box

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Item 1. Financial Statements (Unaudited)

Forward Air Corporation

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

	Sept	ember 30, 2006	December 31, 2005 (Note 1)		
	(Ur	naudited)			
	(In	thousands, ex	cept sh	are data)	
Assets Current assets:					
Cash	\$	4,356	\$	332	
Short-term investments	φ	60,800	Φ	79,000	
Accounts receivable, less allowance of \$1,022 in 2006 and \$922 in 2005		51,292		45,763	
Other current assets		7,960		11,639	
Total current assets		124,408		136,734	
Property and equipment		96,961		91,086	
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization		46,615		43,864	
Total property and equipment, net		50,346		47,222	
Goodwill and other acquired intangibles:					
Goodwill		15,588		15,588	
Other acquired intangibles, net of accumulated amortization of \$1,700 in 2006 and \$744 in 2005		11,050		12,007	
Total goodwill and other acquired intangibles		26,638		27,595	
Other assets		5,800		1,049	
Total assets	\$	207,192	\$	212,600	
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$	9,529	\$	12,640	
Accrued expenses	Ψ	12,990	Ψ	11,782	
Short-term debt				1,504	
Current portion of capital lease obligations		40		38	
Total current liabilities		22,559		25,964	
		22,559		23,704	
Capital lease obligations, less current portion		807		837	
Deferred income taxes		6,760		6,983	
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Shareholders' equity:					
Preferred stock					
Common stock, \$0.01 par value:					
Authorized shares - 50,000,000					
Issued and outstanding shares - 30,461,491 in 2006 and 31,360,842 in 2005		305		314	
Additional paid-in capital					
Accumulated other comprehensive income					
Retained earnings		176,761		178,502	
Total shareholders' equity		177,066		178,816	
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	207,192	\$	212,600	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income (Unaudited)

	Three months ended			ths ended
	ember 30, 2006	September 30, 2005	September 30, 2006	September 30, 2005
	()	n thousands, exce	pt per share data)
Operating revenue	\$ 90,441	\$ 84,841	\$ 259,550	\$ 231,861
Operating expenses:	27.020	25.512	105 500	04.004
Purchased transportation	37,939	35,512	105,508	94,994
Salaries, wages and employee benefits	18,385	17,486	55,508	49,305
Operating leases	3,750	3,448	10,619	10,159
Depreciation and amortization	2,083	2,815	6,534	6,637
Insurance and claims	1,556	841	4,747	3,862
Other operating expenses	6,940	6,070	20,123	18,063
Total operating expenses	 70,653	66,172	203,039	183,020
Income from operations	 19,788	18,669	56,511	48,841
Other income (expense):				
Interest expense	(17)	(24)	(58)	(69)
Other, net	(17)	587	2,314	3,340
Total other income	 776	563	2,256	3,340
Income before income taxes	20,564	19,232	58,767	52,112
Income taxes	 7,839	7,167	22,013	19,400
Net income	\$ 12,725	\$ 12,065	\$ 36,754	\$ 32,712
Income per share:				
Basic	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.38	\$ 1.18	\$ 1.02
Diluted	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.38	\$ 1.16	\$ 1.00
Dividends declared per share	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.18

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(Unaudited)

	Ni	ths ended	
	Septemb 2006	September 30, 2005	
		(In thou	sands)
Operating activities: Net income	\$	36,754	\$ 32,712
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:	ф.	50,754	\$ 52,712
Depreciation and amortization		6,534	6,637
Share-based compensation		923	0,037
Atlanta condemnation settlement gain			(1.429
-			(1,428
Other non-cash charges		(142)	
Gain on sale of property and equipment		(143)	(261
Provision for loss (recovery) on receivables		134	(164
Provision for revenue adjustments		1,571	1,516
Deferred income taxes		66	(821
Tax benefit of stock options exercised		(1,549)	1,922
Changes in operating assets and liabilities			
Accounts receivable		(9,153)	(9,601
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		51	(443
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		(1,903)	656
Income taxes		4,888	2,848
Net cash provided by operating activities		38,173	33,847
Investing activities:			
Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment		3,275	86
Purchases of property and equipment		(9,914)	(7,528
Deposits in escrow for construction of new terminals		(4,793)	
Proceeds from sales or maturities of available-for-sale securities	19	93,905	167,150
Purchases of available-for-sale securities	(1)	75,705)	(133,740
Acquisition of business			(12,750
Proceeds from Atlanta condemnation settlement/release of amounts held in escrow			2,765
Other		42	(112
Net cash provided by investing activities		6,810	15,871
Financing activities:			
Payments of capital lease obligations		(28)	(23
Payments on line of credit		(1,504)	
Borrowings under line of credit			1,404
Proceeds from exercise of stock options		4,231	3,709
Payments of cash dividends		(6,548)	(5,782
Cash paid for fractional shares in 3-for-2 stock split			(44
Common stock issued under employee stock purchase plan		115	130
Repurchase of common stock	ſ	38,774)	(49,049
Tax benefit of stock options exercised	(.	1,549	(19,049
Net cash used in financing activities		40,959)	(49,655
	(*	4,024	
Net increase in cash			63
Cash at beginning of period	¢	332	78 \$ 141
Cash at end of period	\$	4,356	\$ 141
Uncollected proceeds from disposal of property and equipment in accounts receivable	\$	51	\$ 1,554

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited, in thousands, except share and per share data) September 30, 2006

1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by United States generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2006. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and footnotes thereto included in the Forward Air Corporation Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2005.

The balance sheet at December 31, 2005 has been derived from the audited financial statements at that date, but does not include all of the financial information and footnotes required by United States generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements.

2. Comprehensive Income

Comprehensive income includes any changes in the equity of the Company from transactions and other events and circumstances from non-owner sources. Comprehensive income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 was \$12,725 and \$36,754, respectively, which includes unrealized losses of less than \$1 on available-for-sale securities. Comprehensive income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005 was \$12,065 and \$32,709, respectively, which includes \$-0- and \$3 in unrealized losses, respectively, on available-for-sale securities.

3. Share-Based Payments

Prior to January 1, 2006, as permitted by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 123, *Accounting for Stock Based Compensation*, as amended by SFAS No. 148, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation-Transition and Disclosure*, the Company accounted for share-based payments to employees using Accounting Principles Board ("APB") Opinion No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees*. As such, the Company generally recognized no compensation cost for its employee stock options as options granted had exercise prices equal to the fair market value of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. The Company also recorded no compensation expense in connection with its employee stock purchase plan as the purchase price of the stock paid by employees was not less than 85% of the fair market value of its common stock at the beginning and at the end of each purchase period. On December 31, 2005, the Company's Board of Directors accelerated the vesting of all of the Company's outstanding and unvested stock options awarded to employees, officers and non-employee directors under the Company's stock option award program. As a result of the vesting acceleration, the Company recorded \$1,300 of share-based compensation expense in accordance with APB Opinion No. 25 during the year ended December 31, 2005.

Effective January 1, 2006, the Company adopted SFAS No. 123 (Revised 2004), *Share-Based Payment* ("SFAS No. 123R"), and elected the modified prospective transition method. Under the modified prospective transition method, awards that are granted, modified, repurchased or canceled after the date of adoption should be measured and accounted for in accordance with SFAS No. 123R. Share-based awards that were granted prior to the effective date should continue to be valued in accordance with SFAS No. 123 and stock option expense for unvested options must be recognized in the statement of operations. As a result of the Company's acceleration of the vesting of its outstanding and unvested options in 2005, there was no additional compensation expense recognized during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 related to options granted prior to January 1, 2006.

Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

3. Share-Based Payments (continued)

The following tables summarize the Company's employee stock option activity and related information for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006:

	Three months ended September 30, 2006								
	Options (000)	Weighted- Average Exercise Price		Aggregate Intrinsic Value (000)		Weighted- Average Remaining Contractual Term			
Outstanding at beginning of period	1,489	\$	23						
Granted/converted									
Exercised	(3)	\$	16						
Forfeited									
Outstanding at end of period	1,486	\$	23	\$	19,661	7.2			
Exercisable at end of period	1,486	\$	23	\$	19,661	7.2			

	Nine months ended September 30, 2006								
Options (000)		Weighted- Average Exercise Price		Aggregate Intrinsic Value (000)		Weighted- Average Remaining Contractual Term			
Outstanding at beginning of period	1,957	\$	23						
Granted/converted									
Exercised	(471)	\$	23						
Forfeited									
Outstanding at end of period	1,486	\$	23	\$	19,661	7.2			
Exercisable at end of period	1,486	\$	23	\$	19,661	7.2			

Each May from 1995 to 2005 options were granted to the non-employee directors of the Company. The options have ten-year terms and are fully exercisable. At September 30, 2006, 111,875 options were outstanding. These options will expire on dates occurring between July 2010 and May 2015 unless a non-employee director resigns or is not re-elected, in which event, the options will expire 90 days after the option holder is no longer a non-employee director. At September 30, 2006, the total aggregate intrinsic value of the outstanding non-employee director options was \$1,606 and the weighted-average exercise price and remaining contractual term were \$22.13 and 6.9 years, respectively. During the nine months ended September 30, 2006, 2,500 options with a weighted-average exercise price of \$20.20 were exercised.

Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

3. Share-Based Payments (continued)

Prior to the implementation of SFAS No. 123R, stock options were the sole form of share-based awards utilized by the Company. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, the Company granted 2,500 and 126,850 non-vested shares of common stock ("non-vested shares"), respectively, to key employees with a weighted-average fair value of \$32.01 and \$36.18, respectively. The non-vested shares' fair values were estimated using opening market prices for the business day of the grant. The share-based compensation for the non-vested shares will be recognized, net of estimated forfeitures, ratably over the requisite service period, or vesting period, of three years. Forfeitures have been estimated based on the Company's historical experience.

Share-based compensation expense of \$306 and \$843, respectively, was recognized in salaries, wages and employee benefits during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006. The total tax benefit related to the share-based expense was \$117 and \$316, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006. Total compensation cost, net of estimated forfeitures, related to the non-vested shares not yet recognized in earnings was \$3,091 at September 30, 2006. Total unrecognized compensation cost will be adjusted for future changes in estimated forfeitures.

On May 23, 2006, the Company's shareholders approved the Company's 2006 Non-Employee Director Stock Plan (the "2006 Plan"). The 2006 Plan is designed to better enable the Company to attract and retain well-qualified persons for service as directors of the Company. Under the 2006 Plan, on the first business day after each Annual Meeting of Shareholders, each non-employee director will automatically be granted an award of 2,250 non-vested shares of the Company's common stock. The non-vested shares will become vested and non-forfeitable in equal annual installments over three years. Each director may elect to defer receipt of the shares under a nonvested share award until the director terminates service on the Board of Directors. If a director elects to defer receipt, the Company will issue deferred stock units to the director which do not represent actual ownership in shares and the director will not have voting rights or other incidents of ownership until the shares are issued. However, the Company will credit the director with dividend equivalent payments in the form of additional deferred stock units for each cash dividend payment made by the Company. After approval of the 2006 Plan, 11,250 non-vested shares and 2,250 deferred stock units were issued to the Company's non-employee directors with a weightedaverage fair value of \$36.27. The share-based compensation for these awards will be recognized, net of estimated forfeitures, ratably over the requisite service period, or vesting period, of three years. Share-based compensation expense of \$35 and \$47 was recognized in salaries, wages and employee benefits during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively. The total tax benefit related to the share-based expense was \$13 and \$18 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively. Total compensation cost, net of estimated forfeitures, related to the non-vested shares and deferred stock units not yet recognized in earnings was \$373 at September 30, 2006. Total unrecognized compensation cost will be adjusted for future changes in estimated forfeitures.

Dividends paid on non-vested shares that are subsequently forfeited prior to vesting are required by SFAS No. 123R to be recorded to expense instead of as a direct reduction to retained earnings. SFAS No. 123R requires dividend forfeitures to be estimated. Estimated dividend forfeitures recorded to share-based compensation during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 were \$2 and \$4, respectively.

Under the 2005 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "ESPP"), which has been approved by shareholders, the Company is authorized to issue up to a remaining 484,975 shares of common stock to employees of the Company. These shares may be issued at a price equal to 90% of the lesser of the market value on the first day or the last day of each six-month purchase period. Common stock purchases are paid for through periodic payroll deductions and/or up to two large lump sum contributions. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, participants under the plan purchased -0- and 3,529 shares, respectively, at an average price of \$-0- and \$32.58, respectively. The weighted-average fair value of each purchase right under the ESPP granted for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, which is equal to the discount from the market value of the common stock at the end of each six month purchase period, was \$-0- and \$8.15, respectively. Share-based compensation expense of \$-0- and \$29 was recognized in salaries, wages and employee benefits, during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively. The total tax benefit related to the share-based expense was \$-0- and \$11 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively.

Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

3. Share-Based Payments (continued)

If the Company had adopted SFAS No. 123R in the prior periods the amount of compensation cost that would have been recognized during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005, would have approximated the following:

	 onths ended per 30, 2005	 onths ended ber 30, 2005
Net income, as reported	\$ 12,065	\$ 32,712
Pro forma compensation expense, net of tax	1,037	2,890
Pro forma net income	\$ 11,028	\$ 29,822
As reported net income per share:		
Basic	\$ 0.38	\$ 1.02
Diluted	\$ 0.38	\$ 1.00
Pro forma net income per share:		
Basic	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.93
Diluted	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.91

Prior to the adoption of SFAS No. 123R, the Company presented all tax benefits for tax deductions resulting from the exercise of stock options as operating cash flows on its statements of cash flows. SFAS No. 123R requires the cash flows resulting from the tax benefits for tax deductions in excess of the compensation expense recorded for those options (excess tax benefits) to be classified as financing cash flows. Accordingly, the Company classified excess tax benefits as financing cash inflows rather than as operating cash inflows on its statement of cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2006.

SFAS No. 123R also requires companies to calculate an initial "pool" of excess tax benefits available at the adoption date to absorb any unused deferred tax assets that may be recognized under SFAS No. 123R. The pool includes the net excess tax benefits that would have been recognized if the Company had adopted SFAS No. 123 for recognition purposes on its effective date. The Company has elected to calculate the pool of excess tax benefits under the alternative transition method described in Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Staff Position No. FAS 123(R)-3, *Transition Election Related to Accounting for Tax Effects of Share-Based Payment Awards*, which also specifies the method the Company must use to calculate excess tax benefits reported on the statement of cash flows.

4. Dividends and Net Income Per Share

During the three months ended March 31, 2006, June 30, 2006 and September 30, 2006, dividends of \$0.07 per share were declared on common stock then outstanding. The quarterly dividends were paid on March 31, 2006, June 9, 2006 and September 8, 2006. During the three months ended March 31, 2005, June 30, 2005 and September 30, 2005, dividends of \$0.06 per share were declared on common stock then outstanding. The 2005 quarterly dividends were paid on April 18, 2005, June 3, 2005 and September 2, 2005. Subsequent to September 30, 2006, the Company declared a cash dividend of \$0.07 per share that will be paid on December 8, 2006 to shareholders of record at the close of business on November 24, 2006. The Company expects to continue to pay regular quarterly cash dividends, though each subsequent quarterly dividend is subject to review and approval by the Board of Directors.



Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

4. Dividends and Net Income Per Share (continued)

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted income per share (in thousands, except per share data):

	Three months ended					Nine mon	ended	
	September 30, 2006		September 30, 2005		Se	eptember 30, 2006	Sej	ptember 30, 2005
Numerator:								
Numerator for basic and diluted income per								
share - net income	\$	12,725	\$	12,065	\$	36,754	\$	32,712
Denominator:								
Denominator for basic income per share -								
weighted- average shares		30,863		31,353		31,247		32,031
Effect of dilutive stock options and non-								
vested shares		372		695		457		590
Denominator for diluted income per share -								
adjusted weighted-average shares		31,235		32,048		31,704		32,621
Basic income per share	\$	0.41	\$	0.38	\$	1.18	\$	1.02
Diluted income per share	\$	0.41	\$	0.38	\$	1.16	\$	1.00

5. Credit Facility

The Company has a \$20,000 unsecured working capital line of credit facility with a Tennessee bank. On May 25, 2006, the Company amended the unsecured working capital line of credit facility to extend the maturity date to April 30, 2008.

6. Income Taxes

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 and September 30, 2005, the effective income tax rates varied from the statutory federal income tax rate of 35.0%, primarily as a result of the effect of state income taxes, net of the federal benefit and permanent differences between book and tax net income.

7. Shareholders' Equity

On July 25, 2002, the Company announced that its Board of Directors approved a stock repurchase program for up to 3.0 million shares of common stock (the "2002 Repurchase Plan"). During the third quarter of 2005, the Company completed the repurchase of the shares authorized under the 2002 Repurchase Plan. For the three months ended September 30, 2005, the Company repurchased 658,547 shares of common stock, under the 2002 Repurchase Plan for \$22,610, or \$34.33 per share. For the nine months ended September 30, 2005, the Company repurchased 1,605,900 shares of common stock, under the 2002 Repurchase of common stock, under the 2002 Repurchase Plan for \$49,049, or \$30.54 per share.

On November 17, 2005, the Company announced that its Board of Directors approved a stock repurchase program for up to 3.0 million shares of common stock (the "2005 Repurchase Plan"). For the three months ended September 30, 2006, the Company repurchased 1,041,649 shares of common stock, under the 2005 Repurchase Plan for \$33,003, or \$31.68 per share. For the nine months ended September 30, 2006, the Company repurchased 1,202,695 shares of common stock, under the 2005 Repurchase Plan for \$38,774, or \$32.24 per share.



Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

8. Acquisition of Certain Assets of the Airport-to-Airport Operations of U.S. Xpress Enterprises, Inc.

On May 28, 2005, the Company acquired certain assets of the airport-to-airport operations of U.S. Xpress Enterprises, Inc. ("USX") for \$12,750 in cash. In connection with the purchase, the Company acquired the airport-to-airport customer list of USX and USX agreed not to compete in the airport-to-airport market for a period of ten years. The purchase price allocation in accordance with SFAS No. 141, *Business Combinations*, is acquired intangible assets with a total value of \$12,750 (majority of the allocation to the non-compete agreement). The acquired intangible assets are being amortized over a period of ten years. The Company began amortizing the assets on a straight-line basis during the last month of the third quarter of 2005 and recorded amortization expense of approximately \$319 and \$956 during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively, as compared to \$319 and \$425 during the three and nine months ended in the condensed consolidated income statement for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005 are included in the condensed consolidated income statement for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005 are included in the condensed consolidated income statement for the nine months ended September 30, 2005.

9. Commitments and Contingencies

The primary claims in the Company's business are workers' compensation, property damage, vehicle liability and medical benefits. Most of the Company's insurance coverage provides for self-insurance levels with primary and excess coverage which management believes is sufficient to adequately protect the Company from catastrophic claims. In the opinion of management, adequate provision has been made for all incurred claims up to the self-insured limits, including provision for estimated claims incurred but not reported.

The Company estimates its self-insurance loss exposure by evaluating the merits and circumstances surrounding individual known claims and by performing hindsight analysis to determine an estimate of probable losses on claims incurred but not reported. Such losses could be realized immediately as the events underlying the claims have already occurred as of the balance sheet dates.

Because of the uncertainty of the ultimate resolution of outstanding claims, as well as uncertainty regarding claims incurred but not reported, it is possible that management's provision for these losses could change materially in the near term. However, no estimate can currently be made of the range of additional loss that is at least reasonably possible.

Atlanta Terminal Condemnation

During the fourth quarter of 2002, the City of Atlanta filed a Petition for Condemnation and Declaration of Taking for a terminal facility owned by Transportation Properties, Inc. and leased by Forward Air, Inc., two of the Company's wholly owned subsidiaries. The condemnation was filed in connection with the fifth runway airport expansion project at Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport. According to the 2002 condemnation petition, the City of Atlanta took ownership of the property and building and deposited \$2,600 into the Registry of the Superior Court of Clayton County, Georgia (the "Court") as compensation to Transportation Properties, Inc. The Company filed a protest to the City of Atlanta's evaluation of the property and building and also challenged the method of condemnation it utilized. Prior to December 2003, the City of Atlanta destroyed the condemned building in conjunction with the runway expansion project. On or about December 30, 2003, the Court ruled that the City of Atlanta's method of condemnation was improper and returned ownership of the land to the Company.

During January 2004, the City of Atlanta filed a second condemnation petition to obtain title to the land. In connection with this second petition, the City of Atlanta deposited an additional \$1,261 into the Registry of the Court, which was the City of Atlanta's estimated fair market value of the land. The City of Atlanta petitioned the Court and was granted the right to withdraw the original \$2,600 escrow balance it paid into the Court as part of the first petition for condemnation. The Company and its outside counsel believed that the December 30, 2003 ruling by the Court and the City of Atlanta's actions subsequent to the first condemnation gave rise to additional theories of recovery. The Company challenged the method of condemnation set forth in the second petition and the withdrawal of the original \$2,600 escrow balance. Additionally, the Company had claims for damages arising from the City of Atlanta's destruction of the Company's building during the wrongful possession of the property by the City of Atlanta. As of December 31, 2004, the Company had received the \$1,261 escrow into cash and had a \$1,339 receivable for the difference in the original \$2,600 escrow and actual \$1,261 in escrow received.

In the third quarter of 2005, an agreement was reached with the City of Atlanta to settle the dispute. In the settlement, the City of Atlanta paid the Company approximately \$2,765, which represents payment of the receivable of \$1,339 along with additional pre-tax gain of approximately \$1,426, included in other income, net. The cash received is net of attorney's fees.

Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

9. Commitments and Contingencies (continued)

Site Expansion

On July 10, 2006, as part of the Company's plan to acquire three new sites in key gateway cities, the Company entered into an agreement to purchase real property and to construct a new terminal near Chicago, Illinois for \$22,105. A deposit of \$3,316 was paid to the sellers upon execution of the agreement. The remainder of the purchase price will be paid upon completion of the new terminal, which the Company estimates will occur during the first quarter of 2007. The deposit is included in noncurrent other assets.

In addition, on September 14, 2006, the Company entered into an agreement to purchase real property and to construct a new terminal near Atlanta, Georgia for \$14,776. A deposit of \$1,477 was paid to the sellers upon execution of the agreement. The remainder of the purchase price will be paid upon completion of the new terminal, which the Company estimates will occur in the second quarter of 2007. The deposit is included in noncurrent other assets.

10. Recent Accounting Pronouncements

During June 2006, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes (an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109)*("FIN 48"), which is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006 with earlier adoption encouraged. This interpretation was issued to clarify the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in the financial statements by prescribing a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. The guidance prescribed in FIN 48 establishes a recognition threshold of more likely than not that a tax position will be sustained upon examination. The measurement attribute of FIN 48 requires that a tax position be measured at the largest amount of benefit that is greater than 50% likely of being realized upon ultimate settlement. The Company is in the process of evaluating the impact that FIN 48 will have on the Company's financial position and results of operations and currently plans to adopt FIN 48 on January 1, 2007.

During September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements* ("SFAS 157"), which is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007 with earlier adoption encouraged. SFAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. This Statement applies under other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements, the FASB having previously concluded in those accounting pronouncements that fair value is the relevant measurement attribute. Accordingly, SFAS 157 does not require any new fair value measurements. However, the application of SFAS 157 could change current practice. The Company plans to adopt SFAS 157 on January 1, 2008, but the implementation of SFAS 157 is not expected to have a significant impact on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

11. Reclassifications

Certain reclassifications have been made to prior year financial statements to conform to the 2006 presentation. These reclassifications had no effect on net income as previously reported.



Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Overview and Executive Summary

We are a leading provider of time-definite surface transportation and related logistics services to the North American deferred air freight market. We offer our customers scheduled surface transportation of cargo as a cost-effective, reliable alternative to air transportation. We transport cargo that must be delivered at a specific time, but is less time-sensitive than traditional air freight. This type of cargo is frequently referred to in the transportation industry as deferred air freight. We operate through a network of 81 terminals located on or near airports in the United States and Canada, including a central sorting facility in Columbus, Ohio and nine regional hubs serving key markets.

In addition, on September 6, 2006 we completed the roll out of our new pick-up and delivery service called Forward Air CompleteTM whereby we arrange for cargo to be picked up from and/or delivered to a customer-designated site. Through offering Forward Air CompleteTM we expect to increase tonnage through our network by attracting new customers or shipments from existing customers that require door-to-door service. Start-up costs incurred during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 were \$0.2 million. Revenue from the roll out of Forward Air CompleteTM was \$0.5 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006.

We believe the demand for lower-cost truck transportation will continue to increase due to several trends. These trends include:

- · Increased outsourcing of logistics management to third party logistics providers;
- · Integrated air cargo carriers' focus on overnight freight; and
- · Reduced airline cargo capacity.

These trends combined with our expansive network of 81 terminals, focus on the deferred air freight market and superior service offerings are key to our continued success.

Our operations, particularly our network of hubs and terminals, represent substantial fixed costs. Consequently, our continued growth depends in significant part on our ability to increase the amount and revenue per pound of the freight shipped through our network. In addition to increasing freight through our network, a key factor to success is our ability to efficiently manage our owner-operator fleet limiting the use of more expensive brokerage services.

Trends and Developments

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 our logistics business continued to experience significant growth while the growth rate for our airport-to-airport business continued to slow. The growth rate of our logistics business is driven by our added capacity and continuing efforts to promote and expand the business, as well as by our enhanced technology. During the nine months ended September 30, 2006, the one-year anniversary of our May 28, 2005 acquisition of certain assets of U.S. Xpress Enterprises, Inc. ("USX") occurred bringing an anticipated slowing of the airport-to-airport tonnage and revenue growth. In anticipation of this slowing, we began a number of initiatives focused on continued growth of our airport-to-airport business as well as overall revenue growth. These initiatives include the implementation of Forward Air Complete[™], our partnership with DHL Global Forwarding to be their primary ground transportation provider and new strategic business initiatives with United Airlines and Pilot Air Freight.

In addition, during the three months ended September 30, 2006 we substantially completed a project to expand our national hub in Columbus, Ohio. The new expanded Columbus, Ohio facility is 125,000 square feet with 168 trailer doors. This premier facility can unload, sort and load upwards of 3.7 million pounds in five hours. In addition to the expansion, we process-engineered the freight sorting in the expanded building to improve handling efficiencies. The benefits will include reductions in the distance each shipment moves in the building to speed up the transfer process, less handling of freight to further improve service integrity and flexibility to operate multiple sorts at the same time.

Results of Operations

The following table sets forth our historical financial data for the three months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005 (in millions):

	2006	2005	С	hange	% Change
Operating revenue:					
Airport-to-airport	\$ 76.5	\$ 73.2	\$	3.3	4.5%
Logistics	8.5	6.5		2.0	30.8
Accessorial	5.4	5.1		0.3	5.9
Total operating revenue	 90.4	 84.8		5.6	6.6
Operating expenses:					
Purchased transportation	37.9	35.5		2.4	6.8
Salaries, wages and employee benefits	18.4	17.5		0.9	5.1
Operating leases	3.8	3.4		0.4	11.8
Depreciation and amortization	2.1	2.8		(0.7)	(25.0)
Insurance and claims	1.6	0.8		0.8	100.0
Other operating expenses	6.9	6.1		0.8	13.1
Total operating expenses	 70.7	 66.1		4.6	7.0
Income from operations	19.7	18.7		1.0	5.3
Total other income	0.8	0.6		0.2	33.3
Income before income taxes	 20.5	19.3		1.2	6.2
Income taxes	7.8	7.2		0.6	8.3
Net income	\$ 12.7	\$ 12.1	\$	0.6	5.0%

The following table shows the percentage relationship of expense items to operating revenue for the three months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005:

	2006	2005
Operating revenue:		
Airport-to-airport	84.6%	86.3%
Logistics	9.4	7.7
Accessorial	6.0	6.0
Total operating revenue	100.0%	100.0%
Operating expenses:		
Purchased transportation	41.9	41.9
Salaries, wages and employee benefits	20.4	20.6
Operating leases	4.2	4.1
Depreciation and amortization	2.3	3.3
Insurance and claims	1.8	1.0
Other operating expenses	7.6	7.1
Total operating expenses	78.2	78.0
Income from operations	21.8	22.0
Total other income	0.9	0.7
Income before income taxes	22.7	22.7
Income taxes	8.6	8.5
Net income	14.1%	14.2%

Three Months Ended September 30, 2006 compared to Three Months Ended September 30, 2005

Operating revenue increased by \$5.6 million, or 6.6%, to \$90.4 million in the third quarter of 2006 from \$84.8 million in the same period of 2005. Airport-to-airport revenue, which is the largest component of our operating revenue, increased \$3.3 million, or 4.5%, to \$76.5 million, accounting for 84.6% of our total operating revenue during the three months ended September 30, 2006 compared to 86.3% for the three months ended September 30, 2005. The increase in airport-to-airport revenue was driven by an increase in rates offset by a decline in tonnage. Our airport-to-airport business is priced on a per pound basis and the average revenue per pound, including the impact of fuel surcharges, increased 7.2% for the three months ended September 30, 2006 versus the three months ended September 30, 2006 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2005. Tonnage that transited our network decreased by approximately 2.5% in the three months ended September 30, 2006 compared with the three months ended September 30, 2005. We believe the decrease in tonnage is primarily the result of a slowdown in shipping demand emphasized by a decline in our average weight per shipment. Average revenue per pound increased primarily due to rate increases implemented in March 2006 and increased fuel surcharges to offset rising fuel costs. Airport-to-airport revenue decreased as a percentage of total revenue due to the significant growth in logistics revenue discussed below.

Our logistics revenue, which is primarily truckload brokerage and priced on a per mile basis, increased \$2.0 million, or 30.8%, to \$8.5 million in the third quarter of 2006 from \$6.5 million in the same period of 2005. Logistics revenue increased despite the loss of a significant customer during the second half of 2005 who accounted for approximately \$0.5 million in logistics revenue during the three months ended September 30, 2005. The increase in logistics revenue is primarily due to our ability to capture a larger percentage of truckload opportunities as a result of our increased access to sufficient outside power. During the three months ended September 30, 2006, we increased the number of miles driven to support our logistics revenue by 37.0%. The increase in miles driven is a result of our continued efforts to expand our capacity, capture additional truckload opportunities and obtain additional customers. The average revenue per mile of our logistics business, including the impact of fuel surcharges, decreased 4.5% for the three months ended September 30, 2006 versus the three months ended September 30, 2005. The decrease in our revenue per mile is primarily due to the change in the mix of business captured offset by increased fuel surcharges to offset rising fuel costs.

Accessorial revenue, which includes warehousing services and terminal handling and accounts for our final component of operating revenue, increased \$0.3 million to \$5.4 million, a 5.9% increase from \$5.1 million for the same period in 2005. The increase was primarily due to revenue earned from our Forward Air Complete[™] pick-up and delivery service offering offset by a decline in terminal handling revenue as a result of the customer loss discussed in logistics revenue.

Purchased transportation increased by \$2.4 million, or 6.8%, to \$37.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006 from \$35.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2005. The increase in purchased transportation is primarily attributable to an increase of approximately 7.3% in miles driven offset by a 0.4% decrease in the total cost per mile for the third quarter of 2006 versus the same period in 2005. As a percentage of total operating revenue, purchased transportation was 41.9% during the three months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005. For the three months ended September 30, 2006, purchased transportation costs for our airport-to-airport network decreased to 39.7% of airport-to-airport revenue from 40.5% for the same period in 2005. The improvement in airport-to-airport purchased transportation costs as a percentage of revenue is a result of increased utilization of our owner operator fleet versus more costly third party brokers over the same period in 2005. Owner operator miles accounted for 80.6% of all miles driven during the three months ended September 30, 2006 compared to 76.8% during the three months ended September 30, 2005. For the three months ended September 30, 2006, logistics' purchased transportation costs represented 70.2% of logistics revenue versus 69.8% for the three months ended September 30, 2005. The increase in logistics purchased transportation costs as a percentage of revenue resulted from lower revenue per mile as discussed above partially offset by a decrease in our per mile cost. Logistics cost per mile decreased due to our increased capacity resulting in improved purchasing power. Other purchased transportation costs as a percentage of revenue increased to 29.1% of other revenue for the three months ended September 30, 2006 from 25.4% for the same period in 2005. The increase as a percentage of revenue is primarily attributable to a change in the revenue mix resulting from the implementation of Forward Air Complete[™] and the loss of certain customer business discussed in the analysis of logistics revenue.

Salaries, wages and employee benefits were 20.4% of operating revenue in the third quarter of 2006 compared to 20.6% for the same period of 2005. Salaries, wages and employee benefits decreased as a percentage of revenue as increased costs for share-based compensation and for group health care were offset by decreased employee incentives and lower pay to cargo handlers. Health care costs increased \$0.4 million, or 36.8%, and increased 0.5% as a percentage of operating revenue, due to increased participants in our health care plan as well as a larger number of high dollar claims. Additionally, there was a \$0.3 million, or 0.4% as a percentage of operating revenue, increase in share-based compensation due to the implementation of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 123 (Revised 2004), *Share-Based Payment* ("SFAS No. 123R"), and the issuance of non-vested shares during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006. These increases were offset by employee incentives which decreased by \$0.5 million, or 51.7%, and declined 0.6% as a percentage of revenue due to shortfalls from our quarterly performance goals. Cargo handler pay decreased by \$0.1 million, or 2.1%, and declined 0.5% as a percentage of revenue due to improved operating efficiencies resulting from initiatives such as our terminal automation process (TAP).

Operating leases, the largest component of which is facility rent, were 4.2% of operating revenue for the three months ended September 30, 2006 compared with 4.1% in the same period of 2005. The increase in operating leases in total dollars and as a percentage of operating revenue between periods was attributable to higher rent costs attributable to the expansion of certain facilities.

Depreciation and amortization expense as a percentage of operating revenue was 2.3% in the third quarter of 2006 compared to 3.3% in the same period of 2005. The decrease in depreciation and amortization expense in total dollars and as a percentage of operating revenue was attributable to the three months ended September 30, 2005 including a \$0.7 million acceleration of depreciation resulting from the reduction of useful lives of trailers being sold in the third and fourth quarters of 2005. The decrease is also attributable to a \$0.3 million decrease in depreciation from 2005 to 2006 on operating assets and software due to several of these assets becoming fully depreciated. Most of these assets are scheduled for replacement. These decreases were offset by increased depreciation on new tractors and trailers purchased during late 2005 and throughout 2006.

Insurance and claims were 1.8% of operating revenue in the third quarter of 2006 compared to 1.0% in the same period of 2005. The increase in insurance and claims is primarily the result of lower claims experience during the three months ended September 30, 2005. Additionally, during the three months ended September 30, 2005, an independent third party performed an actuary study of our loss development factor for vehicle liability claims. The results of the study caused us to lower our loss development reserve for vehicle liability claims by \$0.4 million during the three months ended September 30, 2005.

Other operating expenses were 7.6% of operating revenue in the third quarter of 2006 compared to 7.1% in the same period of 2005. The increase in other operating expenses as a percentage of operating revenue was primarily attributable to a \$0.3 million decrease in the gain recognized on the sale of operating assets. The remaining \$0.5 million increase is the result of increases in volume-related expenses, such as fuel, tires and station handling fees.

Income from operations increased by \$1.0 million, or 5.3%, to \$19.7 million for the third quarter of 2006 compared with \$18.7 million for the same period in 2005. The increase in income from operations was primarily a result of the increase in operating revenue which was partially offset by an increase in operating costs associated with operating the network.

Other income, net was \$0.8 million, or 0.9% of operating revenue, in the third quarter of 2006 compared with \$0.6 million, or 0.7%, for the same period in 2005. The increase in other income was attributable to higher interest income earned due to higher yields on investment balances.

The combined federal and state effective tax rate for the third quarter of 2006 was 38.1% compared to a rate of 37.3% for the same period in 2005. The increase in the effective tax rate was due to an anticipated decrease in tax exempt interest income as a percentage of our total income before taxes resulting from the decline in our short-term investments.

As a result of the foregoing factors, net income increased by \$0.6 million, or 5.0%, to \$12.7 million for the third quarter of 2006 compared to \$12.1 million for the same period in 2005.

The following table sets forth our historical financial data for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005 (in millions):

	2006	2005	Change	% Change
Operating revenue:				
Airport-to-airport	\$ 222.2	\$ 198.7	\$ 23.5	11.8%
Logistics	22.5	18.4	4.1	22.3
Accessorial	14.8	14.8		
Total operating revenue	259.5	231.9	27.6	11.9
Operating expenses:				
Purchased transportation	105.5	95.0	10.5	11.1
Salaries, wages and employee benefits	55.5	49.3	6.2	12.6
Operating leases	10.6	10.2	0.4	3.9
Depreciation and amortization	6.5	6.6	(0.1)	(1.5)
Insurance and claims	4.8	3.9	0.9	23.1
Other operating expenses	20.1	18.1	2.0	11.0
Total operating expenses	 203.0	 183.1	 19.9	10.9
Income from operations	56.5	 48.8	 7.7	15.8
Total other income	2.3	3.3	(1.0)	(30.3)
Income before income taxes	 58.8	 52.1	 6.7	12.9
Income taxes	22.0	19.4	2.6	13.4
Net income	\$ 36.8	\$ 32.7	\$ 4.1	12.5%

The following table shows the percentage relationship of expense items to operating revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005:

	2006	2005
Operating revenue:		
Airport-to-airport	85.6%	85.7%
Logistics	8.7	7.9
Accessorial	5.7	6.4
Total operating revenue	100.0%	100.0%
Operating expenses:		
Purchased transportation	40.7	41.0
Salaries, wages and employee benefits	21.4	21.3
Operating leases	4.1	4.4
Depreciation and amortization	2.5	2.9
Insurance and claims	1.8	1.7
Other operating expenses	7.7	7.6
Total operating expenses	78.2	78.9
Income from operations	21.8	21.1
Total other income	0.9	1.4
Income before income taxes	22.7	22.5
Income taxes	8.5	8.4
Net income	14.2%	14.1%

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006 compared to Nine Months Ended September 30, 2005

Operating revenue increased by \$27.6 million, or 11.9%, to \$259.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 from \$231.9 million in the same period of 2005. Airport-to-airport revenue, which is the largest component of our operating revenue, increased \$23.5 million, or 11.8%, to \$222.2 million, accounting for 85.6% of our total operating revenue during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 compared to 85.7% for the nine months ended September 30, 2005. The increase in airport-to-airport revenue was driven by an increase in tonnage and an increase in rates. Tonnage that transited our network increased by 4.6% in the nine months ended September 30, 2006 compared with the nine months ended September 30, 2005. The increase in tonnage is a result of positive trends among our customer base and the acquisition of certain assets of USX on May 28, 2005, offset by a decline in shipping demand during the third quarter of 2006. Our airport-to-airport business is priced on a per pound basis and the average revenue per pound, including the impact of fuel surcharges, increased 6.9% for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 versus the nine months ended September 30, 2005. Average revenue per pound increased primarily due to rate increases implemented in March 2006 and increased fuel surcharges to offset rising fuel costs.

Our logistics revenue, which is primarily truckload brokerage and priced on a per mile basis, increased \$4.1 million, or 22.3%, to \$22.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 from \$18.4 million in the same period of 2005. Logistics revenue increased despite the loss of a significant customer in the second half of 2005 who accounted for approximately \$1.6 million in logistics revenue during the nine months ended September 30, 2005. The increase in logistics revenue is primarily due to our ability to capture a larger percentage of truckload opportunities as a result of our increased access to sufficient outside power. During the nine months ended September 30, 2006, we increased the number of miles driven to support our logistics revenue by 18.8%. The increase in miles driven is a result of our continued efforts to grow our logistics business and obtain additional customers. The average revenue per mile of our logistics business, including the impact of fuel surcharges, increased 3.1% for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. The increase in our revenue per mile is primarily due to improved mix of business and increased fuel surcharges to offset rising fuel costs.

Accessorial revenue, which includes warehousing services and terminal handling and accounts for our final component of operating revenue, was \$14.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005. Decreases in revenue attributable to a decline in terminal handling revenue as a result of the customer loss discussed in logistics revenue above were offset by revenue from our new Forward Air Complete[™] service offering.

Purchased transportation increased by \$10.5 million, or 11.1%, to \$105.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 from \$95.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2005. The increase in purchased transportation is primarily attributable to an increase of approximately 9.4% in miles driven and an approximate 1.6% increase in the total cost per mile for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 versus the same period in 2005. As a percentage of total operating revenue, purchased transportation decreased to 40.7% during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 compared to 41.0% in the same period of 2005. For the nine months ended September 30, 2006, purchased transportation costs for our airport-to-airport network decreased to 38.6% of airport-to-airport revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 versus 39.6% for the same period in 2005. The proportionate improvement resulted from better load factors as well as the increase in revenue due to rate increases within the nine months ended September 30, 2006, logistics purchased transportation costs represented 69.9% of logistics revenue versus 70.3% for the nine months ended September 30, 2005. The decrease resulted from higher revenue per mile partially offset by an increase in our per mile cost. Logistics cost per mile increased as a result of the use of more third party brokers as opposed to our less costly fleet of owner-operators. Other purchased transportation costs as a percentage of revenue increased to 26.6% of other revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 from 23.9% for the same period in 2005. The increase as a percentage of revenue is primarily attributable to a change in the revenue mix resulting from the implementation of Forward Air CompleteTM and the loss of certain customer business discussed in the analysis of logistics revenue.

Salaries, wages and employee benefits were 21.4% of operating revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 compared to 21.3% for the same period of 2005. The increase in salaries, wages and employee benefits as a percentage of operating revenue is attributable to a \$1.9 million, or 0.6% as a percentage of operating revenue, increase in health care costs due to increased participants in our health care plan as well as a larger number of high dollar claims. Additionally, there was a \$0.9 million, or 0.3% as a percentage of operating revenue, increases were of SFAS No. 123R, and the issuance of nonvested shares during the nine months ended September 30, 2006. These increases were offset by salaries and wages, including payroll taxes, and workers' compensation insurance and expenses, which increased by \$3.4 million, or 7.3%, but declined 0.8% as a percentage of revenue due to the increase in operating revenue. Salaries and wages and workers' compensation insurance and expenses to meet the additional demands of increased tonnage through our network.

Operating leases, the largest component of which is facility rent, were 4.1% of operating revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 compared with 4.4% in the same period of 2005. The decrease in operating leases as a percentage of operating revenue between periods was attributable to the increase in operating revenue as operating lease expenses increased \$0.4 million from the nine months ended September 30, 2006. The increase is attributable to expansion of certain facilities resulting in higher facility rent.

Depreciation and amortization expense as a percentage of operating revenue was 2.5% for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 compared to 2.9% in the same period of 2005. Depreciation and amortization expense decreased \$0.1 million, or 1.5%, from the nine months ended September 30, 2006 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2005. The decrease in depreciation and amortization expense in total dollars and as a percentage of operating revenue was attributable to the nine months ended September 30, 2005 including a \$0.7 million acceleration of depreciation resulting from the reduction of useful lives of trailers being sold in the third and fourth quarters of 2005. The decrease is also attributable to a \$0.6 million decrease in depreciation on operating assets and software due to several of these assets becoming fully depreciated. These decreases were offset by the nine months ended September 30, 2006 including five additional months, or \$0.5 million of amortization expense, due to the purchase of certain assets of USX on May 28, 2005. The increases were also offset by increased depreciation on new trailers and tractors purchased during late 2005 and 2006.

Insurance and claims were 1.8% of operating revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 compared to 1.7% in the same period of 2005. The increase in insurance and claims is primarily the result of lower claims experience during the nine months ended September 30, 2005. Additionally, during the nine months ended September 20, 2006, an independent third party performed an actuary study of our loss development factor for vehicle liability claims. The results of the study caused us to lower our loss development reserve for vehicle liability claims.

Other operating expenses were 7.7% of operating revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 compared to 7.6% in the same period of 2005. The increase in other operating expenses as a percentage of revenue is attributable to a \$0.3 million or 0.1% as a percentage of revenue increase in bad debt expenses during the nine months ended September 30, 2005 compared to the same period in 2005. The increase in bad debt expense is the result of a \$0.2 million bad debt recovery recognized during the nine months ended September 30, 2005. The remaining \$1.7 million increase is due to increases in volume-related operating expenses, such as fuel, tires and station handling fees.

Income from operations increased by \$7.7 million, or 15.8%, to \$56.5 million for the nine months end September 30, 2006 compared with \$48.8 million for the same period in 2005. The increase in income from operations was primarily a result of the increase in operating revenue and operating expenses decreasing as a percentage of revenue.

Other income, net was \$2.3 million, or 0.9% of operating revenue, for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 compared with \$3.3 million, or 1.4%, for the same period in 2005. The decrease in other income in total dollars and as a percentage of operating revenue was attributable to the nine months ended September 30, 2005 including the \$1.4 million gain from our lawsuit settlement with the City of Atlanta regarding property we owned adjacent to the Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport. This decrease was offset by higher interest income earned during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 due to higher yields and average investment balances.

The combined federal and state effective tax rate for the nine months end September 30, 2006 was 37.5% compared to a rate of 37.2% for the same period in 2005. The increase in the effective tax rate was due to an anticipated decrease in tax exempt interest income as a percentage of our total income before taxes resulting from the decline in our short-term investments.

As a result of the foregoing factors, net income increased by \$4.1 million, or 12.5%, to \$36.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 compared with \$32.7 million for the same period in 2005.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

We have historically financed our working capital needs, including capital purchases, with cash flows from operations and borrowings under our bank lines of credit. Net cash provided by operating activities totaled approximately \$38.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 compared to approximately \$33.8 million in the same period of 2005. The increase in cash provided by operating activities was primarily generated from increases in our net income.

Net cash provided by investing activities was approximately \$6.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 compared with approximately \$15.9 million provided by investing activities in the same period of 2005. Investing activities consisted primarily of the purchase and sale or maturities of available-for-sale securities, payments and deposits for expanded or new facilities and the purchase of operating equipment and management information systems during the nine months ended September 30, 2006. The decrease in cash provided by investing activities was the result of a \$15.2 million decrease in net cash provided by the sale and purchasing of available-for-sale-securities. Also, the nine months ended September 30, 2005 included \$2.8 million in cash provided by the settlement of our lawsuit with the City of Atlanta regarding property we owned adjacent to the Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport. Additionally, cash paid for capital expenditures and deposits, net of proceeds from the disposal of property and equipment, increased \$4.0 million. These decreases in cash received were offset by \$12.8 million in cash used for the acquisition of USX during the nine months ended September 30, 2005.

Net cash used in financing activities totaled approximately \$41.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 compared with approximately \$49.7 million used in financing activities for the same period of 2005. The decrease in cash used in financing activities was primarily attributable to a \$10.3 million decrease in cash used for the repurchase of our common stock. In addition, during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 we received approximately \$0.5 million more in proceeds from the exercise of stock options than during the same period in 2005. The decrease in our repurchases of our common stock and the increase in the exercise of stock options during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 as compared to the same period in 2005 is primarily the result of higher average market prices for our common stock over the first nine months of 2006. Also, cash used for financing activities improved due to the implementation of SFAS No. 123R and the \$1.5 million benefit resulting from the requirement to classify tax deductions in excess of the compensation expense recorded for options as financing cash flows as opposed to operating cash flows. These positive movements in cash used in financing activities were offset by a \$0.8 million increase in cash dividends paid, a \$1.4 million decrease in borrowings from our line of credit and a \$1.5 million increase in payments on our line of credit.

For the remainder of 2006, we expect net capital expenditures for operating equipment and management information systems to be approximately \$4.0 million. Separate from these capital expenditures, we have substantially completed the project to expand our national hub in Columbus, Ohio and continue to execute our plan to acquire three sites in key gateway cities for construction of new terminals. For the national hub expansion, we have paid \$3.9 million of a budgeted \$5.0 million through September 30, 2006 and expect to complete the expansion in the fourth quarter of 2006. In addition, on July 10, 2006 we entered into an agreement to purchase real property and to construct a new terminal near Chicago, Illinois for \$22.1 million. A deposit of \$3.3 million was paid to the sellers upon execution of the agreement. Also, on September 14, 2006 we entered into an agreement to purchase real property and to construct a new terminal near Atlanta, Georgia for \$14.8 million. A deposit of \$1.5 million was paid to the sellers upon execution of the chicago and Atlanta agreements, the remainder of the purchase prices will be paid upon completion of each new terminal, which we estimate will occur during the first quarter and second quarter of 2007, respectively. We intend to fund these expenditures through cash and short-term investments currently on our balance sheet, cash provided by operating activities, the sale of existing equipment and/or borrowings under our credit facility, if necessary.

Our credit facility consists of a working capital line of credit. As long as we comply with the financial covenants and ratios, the credit facility permits us to borrow up to \$20.0 million less the amount of any outstanding letters of credit. Interest rates for advances under the facility vary based on how our performance measures against covenants related to total indebtedness, cash flows, results of operations and other ratios. The facility bears interest at LIBOR plus 1.0% to 1.9% and is unsecured. The facility's expiration was extended until April 2008 by letter agreement entered into in May 2006. At September 30, 2006, we had no balance outstanding under the line of credit facility and had utilized approximately \$4.4 million of availability for outstanding letters of credit. We were in compliance with the financial covenants and ratios under the credit facility at September 30, 2006.

On July 25, 2002, we announced that our Board of Directors approved a stock repurchase program for up to 3.0 million shares of common stock (the "2002 Repurchase Plan"). We repurchased 658,547 shares during the third quarter of 2005. During the third quarter of 2005, we completed the repurchase of the shares authorized under the 2002 Repurchase Plan. On November 17, 2005, we announced that our Board of Directors approved a subsequent stock repurchase program for an additional 3.0 million shares of common stock (the "2005 Repurchase Plan"). During the three months ended September 30, 2006, we repurchased 1,041,649 shares of common stock under the 2005 Repurchase Plan for \$33.0 million, or \$31.68 per share. During the nine months ended September 30, 2006, we repurchased 1,202,695 shares of common stock under the 2005 Repurchase Plan for \$38.8 million, or \$32.24 per share.

During the three months ended March 31, 2006, June 30, 2006 and September 30, 2006, dividends of \$0.07 per share were declared on common stock then outstanding. The quarterly dividends were paid on March 31, 2006, June 9, 2006 and September 9, 2006. During the three months ended March 31, 2005, June 30, 2005 and September 30, 2005, dividends of \$0.06 per share were declared on common stock then outstanding. The 2005 quarterly dividends were paid on April 18, 2005, June 3, 2005 and September 2, 2005. Subsequent to September 30, 2006, our Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of \$0.07 per share that will be paid on December 8, 2006 to shareholders of record at the close of business on November 24, 2006. We expect to continue to pay regular quarterly cash dividends, though each subsequent quarterly dividend is subject to review and approval by the Board of Directors.

Management believes that our available cash, investments, expected cash generated from future operations and borrowings under available credit facilities will be sufficient to satisfy our anticipated cash needs for at least the next twelve months.

Critical Accounting Policies

Our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). The preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires our management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and accompanying footnotes. Our estimates and assumptions are based on historical experience and changes in the business environment. However, actual results may differ from estimates under different conditions, sometimes materially. Critical accounting policies and estimates are defined as those that are both most important to the portrayal of our financial condition and results and require management's most subjective judgments. A summary of significant accounting policies is disclosed in Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in our 2005 Annual Report on Form 10-K/A. Our critical accounting policies are further described under the caption "Discussion of Critical Accounting Policies" in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in our 2005 Annual Report on Form 10-K/A. In addition, following the adoption of SFAS No. 123R, the Company considers its policies related to share-based compensation to be a critical accounting policy (see discussion of share-based compensation policies in the *Impact of Recent Accounting Pronouncements* section).

Impact of Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Prior to January 1, 2006, as permitted by SFAS No. 123, *Accounting for Stock Based Compensation*, as amended by SFAS No. 148, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation-Transition and Disclosure*, we accounted for share-based payments to employees using Accounting Principles Board ("APB") Opinion No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees*. As such, we generally recognized no compensation cost for employee stock options as options granted had exercise prices equal to the fair market value of our common stock on the date of grant. We also recorded no compensation expense in connection with our employee stock purchase plan as the purchase price of the stock paid by employees was not less than 85% of the fair market value of our common stock at the beginning and at the end of each purchase period. On December 31, 2005, our Board of Directors accelerated the vesting of all of our outstanding and unvested stock options awarded to employees, officers and non-employee directors under our stock option award program. As a result of the vesting acceleration, we recorded \$1.3 million of share-based compensation expense in accordance with APB Opinion No. 25 during the year ended December 31, 2005.

Effective January 1, 2006, we adopted SFAS No. 123R and elected the modified prospective transition method. Under the modified prospective transition method, awards that are granted, modified, repurchased or canceled after the date of adoption should be measured and accounted for in accordance with SFAS No. 123R. Share-based awards that are granted prior to the effective date should continue to be valued in accordance with SFAS No. 123 and stock option expense for unvested options must be recognized in the statement of operations. As a result of the acceleration of the vesting of our outstanding and unvested options in 2005, there was no additional compensation expense recognized during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 related to options granted prior to January 1, 2006.

Prior to the implementation of SFAS No. 123R, we utilized stock options as our sole form of share-based awards. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, we granted 2,500 and 126,850 non-vested shares of common stock ("non-vested shares") to key employees with a weighted-average fair value of \$32.01 and \$36.18, respectively. The non-vested shares' fair values were estimated using opening market prices for the business day of the grant. The share-based compensation for the non-vested shares will be recognized, net of estimated forfeitures, ratably over the requisite service period, or vesting period, of three years. Forfeitures have been estimated based on our historical experience. Share-based compensation expense of \$0.3 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, was recognized in salaries, wages and employee benefits during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006. The total tax benefit related to the share-based compensation cost, net of estimated forfeitures, related to the non-vested shares not yet recognized in earnings was \$3.1 million at September 30, 2006. Total unrecognized compensation cost will be adjusted for future changes in estimated forfeitures.

On May 23, 2006, our shareholders approved the 2006 Non-Employee Director Stock Plan (the "2006 Plan"). The 2006 Plan is designed to better enable us to attract and retain well-qualified persons for service as directors. Under the 2006 Plan, on the first business day after each Annual Meeting of Shareholders, each non-employee director will automatically be granted an award of 2,250 non-vested shares of our common stock. The non-vested shares will become vested and non-forfeitable in equal annual installments over three years. Each director may elect to defer receipt of the shares under a non-vested share award until the director terminates service on the Board of Directors. If a director elects to defer receipt, we will issue deferred stock units to the director which do not represent actual ownership in shares and the director will not have voting rights or other incidents of ownership until the shares are issued. However, we will credit the director with dividend equivalent payments in the form of additional deferred stock units for each cash dividend payment made by the Company. After approval of the 2006 Plan, 11,250 non-vested shares and 2,250 deferred stock units were issued to our non-employee directors with a weighted-average fair value of \$36.27. The share-based compensation for these awards will be recognized, net of estimated forfeitures, ratably over the requisite service period, or vesting period, of three years. Share-based compensation and the related tax benefits recognized during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 were less than \$0.1 million. Total compensation cost, net of estimated forfeitures, related to the non-vested shares and deferred stock units not yet recognized in earnings was \$0.4 million at September 30, 2006. Total unrecognized compensation cost will be adjusted for future changes in estimated forfeitures.

Dividends paid on non-vested shares that are subsequently forfeited prior to vesting are required by SFAS No. 123R to be recorded to expense instead of as a direct reduction to retained earnings. SFAS No. 123R requires dividend forfeitures to be estimated. Estimated dividend forfeitures recorded to share-based compensation during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 were less than \$0.1 million.

Under the 2005 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "ESPP"), which has been approved by shareholders, we are authorized to issue up to a remaining 484,975 shares of common stock to our employees. These shares may be issued at a price equal to 90% of the lesser of the market value on the first day or the last day of each six-month purchase period. Common stock purchases are paid for through periodic payroll deductions and/or up to two large lump sum contributions. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, participants under the plan purchased -0- and 3,529 shares, respectively, at an average price of \$-0- and \$32.58, respectively. The weighted-average fair value of each purchase right under the ESPP granted for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2006, which is equal to the discount from the market value of the common stock at the end of each six-month purchase period, was \$-0- and \$8.15, respectively. Share-based compensation expense recognized in salaries, wages and employee benefits, and the related tax benefit were less than \$0.1 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006.

Prior to the adoption of SFAS No. 123R, we presented all tax benefits for tax deductions resulting from the exercise of stock options as operating cash flows on our statements of cash flows. SFAS No. 123R requires the cash flows resulting from the tax benefits for tax deductions in excess of the compensation expense recorded for those options (excess tax benefits) to be classified as financing cash flows. Accordingly, we classified excess tax benefits as financing cash inflows rather than as operating cash inflows on our statement of cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2006.

SFAS No. 123R also requires companies to calculate an initial "pool" of excess tax benefits available at the adoption date to absorb any unused deferred tax assets that may be recognized under SFAS No. 123R. The pool includes the net excess tax benefits that would have been recognized if we had adopted SFAS No. 123 for recognition purposes on its effective date. We have elected to calculate the pool of excess tax benefits under the alternative transition method described in Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Staff Position No. FAS 123(R)-3, *Transition Election Related to Accounting for Tax Effects of Share-Based Payment Awards*, which also specifies the method we must use to calculate excess tax benefits reported on the statement of cash flows.

During June 2006, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes (an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109)* ("FIN 48"), which is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006 with earlier adoption encouraged. This interpretation was issued to clarify the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in the financial statements by prescribing a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. The guidance prescribed in FIN 48 establishes a recognition threshold of more likely than not that a tax position will be sustained upon examination. The measurement attribute of FIN 48 requires that a tax position be measured at the largest amount of benefit that is greater than 50% likely of being realized upon ultimate settlement. We are in the process of evaluating the impact that FIN 48 will have on our financial position and results of operations and currently plan to adopt FIN 48 on January 1, 2007.

During September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements* ("SFAS 157"), which is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007 with earlier adoption encouraged. SFAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. This Statement applies under other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements, the FASB having previously concluded in those accounting pronouncements that fair value is the relevant measurement attribute. Accordingly, SFAS 157 does not require any new fair value measurements. However, the application of SFAS 157 could change current practice. We currently plan to adopt SFAS 157 on January 1, 2008, but the implementation of SFAS 157 is not expected to have a significant impact on our financial position or results of operations.

Forward-Looking Statements

This report contains "forward-looking statements," as defined in Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Forward-looking statements are statements other than historical information or statements of current condition and relate to future events or our future financial performance. Some forward-looking statements may be identified by use of such terms as "believes," "anticipates," "intends," "plans," "estimates," "projects" or "expects." Such forwardlooking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forwardlooking statements. The following is a list of factors, among others, that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements: economic factors such as recessions, inflation, higher interest rates and downturns in customer business cycles, our inability to maintain our historical growth rate because of a decreased volume of freight moving through our network or decreased average revenue per pound of freight moving through our network, increasing competition and pricing pressure, surplus inventories, loss of a major customer, the creditworthiness of our customers and their ability to pay for services rendered, our ability to secure terminal facilities in desirable locations at reasonable rates, the inability of our information systems to handle an increased volume of freight moving through our network, changes in fuel prices, claims for property damage, personal injuries or workers' compensation, employment matters including rising health care costs, enforcement of and changes in governmental regulations, environmental and tax matters, the handling of hazardous materials, the availability and compensation of qualified independent owner-operators and freight handlers needed to serve our transportation needs and our inability to successfully integrate acquisitions. As a result of the foregoing, no assurance can be given as to future financial condition, cash flows or results of operations. We undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Our exposure to market risk related to our remaining outstanding debt and available-for-sale securities is not significant and has not changed materially since December 31, 2005.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We maintain controls and procedures designed to ensure that we are able to collect the information required to be disclosed in the reports we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), and to process, summarize and disclose this information within the time periods specified in the rules of the SEC. Based on an evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report conducted by management, with the participation of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer believe that these controls and procedures are effective to ensure that we are able to collect, process and disclose the information we are required to disclose in the reports we file with the SEC within the required time periods.

Changes in Internal Control

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the third quarter of 2006 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Part II. Other Information

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

From time to time, we are a party to ordinary, routine litigation incidental to and arising in the normal course of our business, most of which involve claims for personal injury, property damage related to the transportation and handling of freight, or workers' compensation. We do not believe that any of these pending actions, individually or in the aggregate, will have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

A summary of factors which could affect results and cause results to differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements made by us, or on our behalf, are further described under the caption "Risk Factors" in the Business portion of our 2005 Annual Report on Form 10-K/A. There have been no changes in the nature of these factors since December 31, 2005.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

The following table provides information with respect to purchases we made of shares of our common stock during each month in the quarter ended September 30, 2006:

	Total Number of Shares		Average	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced	Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the
Period	Purchased	Prie	ce Paid per Share	Program	Program (1)
July 1-31, 2006	263,900	\$	32.13	508,924	2,491,076
August 1-31, 2006	777,749		31.53	1,286,673	1,713,327
September 1-30, 2006					
Total	1,041,649	\$	31.68	1,795,597	1,713,327

(1) On November 17, 2005, we announced that our Board of Directors approved a stock repurchase program for up to 3.0 million shares of our common stock.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

Not Applicable.

Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

Not Applicable.

Item 5. Other Information

Not Applicable.

Item 6. Exhibits

In accordance with SEC Release No. 33-8212, Exhibits 32.1 and 32.2 are to be treated as "accompanying" this report rather than "filed" as part of the report.

<u>No.</u>

<u>Exhibit</u>

- 3.1 Restated Charter of the registrant (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3 to the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 28, 1999)
- 3.2 Amended and Restated Bylaws of the registrant (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2004, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 2, 2004)
- 4.1 Form of Landair Services, Inc. Common Stock Certificate (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 27, 1993)
- 4.2 Form of Forward Air Corporation Common Stock Certificate (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 1998, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 16, 1998)
- 4.3 Rights Agreement, dated May 18, 1999, between the registrant and SunTrust Bank, Atlanta, N.A., including the Form of Rights Certificate (Exhibit A) and the Form of Summary of Rights (Exhibit B) (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4 to the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on May 28, 1999)
- 10.1 Agreement of Purchase and Sale, dated as of July 10, 2006, among AMB Property II, L.P., Headlands Realty Corporation and Forward Air, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2006, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 4, 2006) (Certain exhibits to this document are omitted from this filing but the registrant will furnish supplemental copies of the omitted materials to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request.)
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- 32.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002



Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: November 3, 2006

Forward Air Corporation

By: /s/ Rodney L. Bell

Rodney L. Bell Chief Financial Officer, Senior Vice President and Treasurer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

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AGREEMENT OF PURCHASE AND SALE

THIS AGREEMENT ("<u>Agreement</u>") dated as of September 14th, 2006, is by and between **HEADLANDS REALTY CORPORATION**, a Maryland corporation ("<u>Seller</u>"), and **FORWARD AIR**, **INC.**, a Tennessee corporation ("<u>Buyer</u>").

ARTICLE I PURCHASE AND SALE OF PROPERTY

Section 1.1 Agreement of Purchase and Sale. Subject to Seller acquiring the Property (as defined below), Seller hereby agrees to sell and convey to Buyer, and Buyer hereby agrees to purchase from Seller, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the following:

(a) that certain real property located in the City of Forest Park, County of Clayton, State of Georgia, and being more particularly described in **Exhibit A** attached hereto (the "<u>Real Property</u>");

(b) all of Seller's right title and interest in and to all rights, privileges and easements appurtenant to the Real Property, including, without limitation, all minerals, oil, gas and other hydrocarbon substances on and under the Real Property, as well as all development rights, air rights, water, water rights, riparian rights and water stock relating to the Real Property and any rights-of-way or other appurtenances used in connection with the beneficial use and enjoyment of the Real Property and all of Seller's right, title and interest in and to all roads and alleys adjoining or servicing the Real Property (collectively, the "Appurtenances");

(c) all of Seller's right, title and interest in and to the Improvements (as defined below) and fixtures to be constructed on the Real Property pursuant to Section 2.2 below, including, without limitation, an approximately 142,000 square foot cross dock shipping and distribution center building containing approximately 12,000 square feet of two (2) story office space (the "<u>Building</u>"), and all apparatus, equipment and appliances used in connection with the operation or occupancy of the Real Property, such as heating and air conditioning systems and facilities used to provide any utility, refrigeration, ventilation, garbage disposal, snow removal equipment, or other services on the Real Property, if any, which have been installed or constructed on the Real Property by Seller pursuant to Section 2.2 below; and

(d) any intangible personal property now or hereafter owned by Seller and used in the ownership, use or operation of the Real Property, including, without limitation, Seller's rights and interests in any utility contracts (excluding any utility deposits made by Seller) or other agreements or rights relating to the ownership, use and operation of the Real Property (except that, (i) to the extent that any such contracts or other agreements are part of portfolio agreements, they shall not be assignable, and (ii) Seller hereby retains all rights to any and all copyrights, trademarks, logos, graphics and other rights with respect to the name "AMB", including the name "AMB"), and any construction warranties relating to the Improvements (collectively, the "Intangible Property").

All of the items referred to in subparagraphs (a) through (d) above are collectively referred to as the "Property."

Section 1.2 Purchase Price.

(a) The purchase price of the Property is Fourteen Million Seven Hundred Seventy Six Thousand Two Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$14,776,215) (the "<u>Purchase Price</u>").

(b) The Purchase Price shall be paid as follows:

(i) Within three (3) days after full execution of this Agreement, Buyer shall deposit in escrow with Chicago Title Company at 388 Market Street, San Francisco, CA 94111, Attn.: Michelle Viguie (the "<u>Title Company</u>") an all cash payment, or wire transfer, in the amount of One Million Four Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-One Dollars (\$1,477,621.00) (the "<u>Deposit</u>"). Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the Deposit shall not be refundable to Buyer. The Deposit shall be held in an interest bearing account and all interest thereon shall be deemed a part of the Deposit. At the Closing, as defined in Section 1.2(b)(iii) below, the Deposit shall be paid to Seller and credited against the Purchase Price.

IF THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY IS NOT CONSUMMATED DUE TO THE FAILURE OF (ii) ANY CONDITION PRECEDENT AND THE BUYER IS NOT THEN IN DEFAULT, THEN THE TITLE COMPANY SHALL RETURN THE DEPOSIT TO BUYER. IF THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY IS NOT CONSUMMATED SOLELY DUE TO THE SELLER'S DEFAULT HEREUNDER, THEN, AS BUYER'S SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDIES, BUYER MAY EITHER: (1) TERMINATE THIS AGREEMENT AND RECEIVE A REFUND OF THE DEPOSIT, IN WHICH EVENT NEITHER PARTY SHALL HAVE ANY FURTHER RIGHTS OR OBLIGATIONS HEREUNDER (EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 7.1, 9.3 AND 9.12 BELOW), OR (2) ENFORCE SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, IF THE ACTIONS OF SELLER HAVE RENDERED SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE, BUYER MAY SEEK TO RECOVER ITS ACTUAL DAMAGES DUE TO SELLER'S DEFAULT HEREUNDER. THE PARTIES HAVE AGREED THAT SELLER'S ACTUAL DAMAGES IN THE EVENT OF A FAILURE TO CONSUMMATE THE SALE DUE TO BUYER'S DEFAULT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT OR IMPRACTICABLE TO DETERMINE. AFTER NEGOTIATION, THE PARTIES HAVE AGREED THAT, CONSIDERING ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES EXISTING ON THE DATE OF THIS AGREEMENT, THE AMOUNT OF THE DEPOSIT IS A REASONABLE ESTIMATE OF THE DAMAGES THAT SELLER WOULD INCUR IN THE EVENT OF BUYER'S DEFAULT. IN THE EVENT BUYER FAILS, WITHOUT LEGAL EXCUSE, TO COMPLETE THE PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY, THE DEPOSIT MADE BY BUYER SHALL BE FORFEITED TO SELLER AS THE SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDY AVAILABLE TO SELLER FOR SUCH FAILURE. BY PLACING THEIR INITIALS BELOW, EACH PARTY SPECIFICALLY CONFIRMS THE ACCURACY OF THE STATEMENTS MADE ABOVE AND THE FACT THAT EACH PARTY WAS REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL WHO EXPLAINED, AT THE TIME THIS AGREEMENT WAS MADE, THE CONSEQUENCES OF THIS LIQUIDATED DAMAGES PROVISION. THIS SECTION 1.2(b)(ii) IS NOT INTENDED TO LIMIT SELLER'S OR BUYER'S RIGHTS UNDER SECTIONS 7.1, 9.3 AND 9.12 OF THIS AGREEMENT.

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(iii) The balance of the Purchase Price (plus the construction costs of the Improvements attributable to any Change Orders (as defined below) requested by Buyer pursuant to Section 2.2 below that has not already been paid to Seller under the terms of this Agreement) shall be paid to Seller in immediately available funds via wire transfer at the consummation of the purchase and sale contemplated hereunder (the "<u>Closing</u>").

ARTICLE II TITLE REVIEW; CONDITIONS

Section 2.1 Limited Title Review.

(a) Buyer hereby acknowledges its receipt of the Pro Forma attached hereto as <u>Schedule 1</u> (the "<u>Pro Forma</u>"), including, without limitation, the title exceptions set forth in the Pro Forma, and a copy of a current survey of the Property (the "<u>Survey</u>"), and Buyer hereby approves of the matters set forth on the Pro Forma and Survey, with the exceptions noted on the Pro Forma and Survey in <u>Schedule 1</u>, subject to the obligation of Seller to cure, correct or eliminate certain items as noted on <u>Schedule 1</u> (the "<u>Title Items</u>"). At any time during the course of construction of the Improvements (hereinafter defined) Buyer may request that the Title Company update the Pro Forma in the form of a title commitment ("<u>Title Commitment</u>") and Buyer may obtain updates of the Survey, in order to verify that there have been no new title exceptions affecting the Property other than those approved by Buyer in the Pro Forma and Survey which it was initially provided or as otherwise permitted under this Agreement.

Subject to the provisions of Section 2.1(c) below, Buyer may, at or prior to Closing, notify Seller in writing of (b)any objections to title first raised by the Title Company or first disclosed in any updates to the Pro Forma in the Title Commitment or the Survey obtained by the Buyer between (a) the Effective Date, and (b) the Closing, and which: (1) are not the result of Buyer's acts, (2) do not constitute exceptions which are disclosed in the Pro Forma or the Survey or any prior updates and (3) have a material adverse effect on the use or operation of the Property as a distribution facility. Buyer shall advise Seller of its additional title objections by written notice within three (3) business days of learning of any such additional title matters. Seller shall have until the earlier of (x) two (2) business days after receipt of Buyer's objections, or (y) the Closing Date, to give Buyer notice that (i) Seller will remove such objectionable exceptions; or (ii) Seller elects not to cause such exceptions to be removed. If Seller gives Buyer notice under clause (ii), Buyer may elect within two (2) business days after receipt of Seller's notice to (i) waive its objections to title exceptions that Seller has not agreed to remove and proceed with the purchase without offset or credit against the Purchase Price, or (ii) terminate this Agreement. If Seller fails to give Buyer notice within (x) two (2) business days after receipt of Buyer's objections, or (y) the Closing Date, whichever is earlier, then Seller shall be deemed to have elected to give Buyer notice under clause (ii). If Seller gives Buyer notice under clause (ii), and Buyer fails to give Seller notice of its election within two (2) business days after receipt of Seller's notice, then Buyer shall be deemed to have elected to terminate this Agreement, the Deposit shall be returned to Buyer and if the matter objected to by Buyer was the result of Seller's voluntary act occurring after the Effective Date and was not otherwise permitted under this Agreement, Seller shall pay to Buyer its actual out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with this transaction in an amount up to Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) in the aggregate, and neither party shall have any further rights or obligations hereunder except as provided in Sections 7.1, 9.3 and 9.12 below. If Seller shall give notice pursuant to clause (i) and shall fail to remove any such objectionable exceptions, or if Seller shall fail to cure or eliminate any Title Items, then Buyer may elect to terminate this Agreement, the Deposit shall be returned to Buyer, Seller shall pay to Buyer for its actual out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with this transaction in an amount up to Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) in the aggregate, and neither party shall have any further rights or obligations hereunder except as provided in Sections 7.1, 9.3 and 9.12 below. If Seller elects to attempt to cure any such additional title objections, the date for Closing shall be automatically extended until Seller completes the cure, but in no event shall the extension exceed thirty (30) days after the date for Closing set forth in Section 8.2 hereof unless a further extension is approved in writing by Buyer.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Buyer acknowledges that prior to and after the Effective Date, with the prior (c) written consent and approval of Buyer to any items which Seller determines may have a material adverse effect on Buyer's use or operation of the Property as a distribution facility, Seller may impose certain easements, assessments, conditions, covenants and restrictions, and other encumbrances on the Property with respect to the construction of the Improvements, the development of adjoining parcels, the retention of certain rights and the imposition of certain obligations with respect to common areas between the Property and adjoining parcels (collectively, the "Development Encumbrances"). Seller shall provide Buyer with a copy of any Development Encumbrances at least three (3) business days prior to recording the same and, if such Development Encumbrances will have a material adverse effect, as reasonably determined by Buyer, then Buyer shall have the right to approve such Development Encumbrances prior to recordation. If Buyer's approval is required, Buyer shall not unreasonably withhold, condition or delay its approval, and where Buyer does not provide notice of its approval or objection to a proposed Development Encumbrance within three (3) business days following notice of such proposed Development Encumbrance, it shall be deemed to have approved such Development Encumbrance. In addition, and notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties acknowledge that Seller shall pay all costs and expenses necessary to release any monetary lien secured by the Property prior to the Closing, and no such liens or claims shall be Conditions of Title (hereinafter defined) and Seller shall be entitled to use the Purchase Price proceeds to satisfy any such liens (provided that Seller shall be entitled to bond around any such liens if permitted under applicable law). All sums necessary to effectuate the release of any such monetary liens or claims may be paid by Buyer and offset against the Purchase Price. Notwithstanding the foregoing, as long as the Development Encumbrances do not have a material adverse effect on Buyer's use or operation of the Property as a distribution facility, Buyer shall not object to any Development Encumbrances (and shall not have any right to do so), and Seller shall have no obligation to cure any such Development Encumbrances. As used herein, "material adverse effect" shall be defined as any item which would unreasonably restrict normal and customary operations of a third-party prudent operator of the Property who would be in the same business as that of the Buyer.

Section 2.2 Improvements Work.

(a) Seller has caused to be prepared, at Seller's sole cost and expense, and Buyer has approved (i) that certain Base Building and Tenant Improvement Specifications dated April 21, 2006 ("<u>Specifications</u>") and attached hereto as **Exhibit B-1**, (ii) that certain Site Plan prepared by Centre Point Engineering and dated June 14, 2006 and attached hereto as **Exhibit B-2** ("<u>Site Plan</u>"), (iii) those certain preliminary elevation drawings prepared by Realacorp America and dated August 11, 2006 and attached hereto as **Exhibit B-3** ("<u>Elevation Plans</u>"), and (iv) the preliminary floor plan prepared by Realacorp America and dated August 11, 2006 attached hereto as **Exhibit B-4** (the "<u>Floor Plan</u>") (items (i) and (iv) as they pertain to the tenant improvements to be constructed in the interior of the Building, being herein collectively referred to as the "<u>Preliminary Tenant Improvement Plans</u>"). The improvements to be constructed by Seller pursuant to the Submitted Building Shell Plans (as defined in subparagraph (b) below) (herein, the "<u>Building Shell</u>") and pursuant to the Preliminary Tenant Improvement Plans (herein, the "<u>Tenant Improvements</u>"), are herein collectively referred to as the "<u>Improvements</u>".

Seller has prepared, and Buyer has approved, plans and specifications which have been submitted to the City (b) of Forest Park ("City") in connection with the issuance of the building permit for the construction of the Building Shell, which such submitted plans and specifications are shown in Exhibit B-5 (the "Submitted Building Shell Plans"). If the City requires any material or substantial modifications to the Submitted Building Shell Plans, Seller shall provide written notice of such modifications to Buyer for its review, and with respect to any material modifications, for its consent and approval, which consent and approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. If Buyer does not approve any material modifications to the Submitted Building Shell Plans required by the City, Buyer may elect to terminate this Agreement, in which event the Deposit shall be returned to Buyer, and neither party shall have any further rights or obligations hereunder except as provided in Section 7.1, 9.3 and 9.12 below; provided, however, to the extent such modifications (i) are required as a result of Buyer Delays (as defined in Section 2.2(i) below) or (ii) are consistent with the Specifications, Buyer shall have no right to approve of such modifications or to terminate this Agreement. If Buyer fails to approve or disapprove any such material modifications within three (3) business days after its receipt thereof, then Buyer shall be deemed to have approved such material modifications. Upon review and approval of the Submitted Building Shell Plans, together with any amendments, by the City (as modified to incorporate any modifications to the Submitted Building Shell Plans which are required by the City), the Submitted Building Shell Plans shall be deemed the "Final Building Shell Plans". For avoidance of doubt, the Building shall be built in accordance with the Final Building Shell Plans and the Specifications (and, in the event of a conflict between the Final Building Shell Plans and the Specifications, the Specifications shall control).

Any changes to the Final Building Shell Plans requested by Buyer (herein referred to as a "Change Order") (c) shall be submitted only by Larry Teel, Mike Bauer, Chris Ruble or Matt Jewell to Seller in writing and shall be at Buyer's sole cost and expense and subject to Seller's written approval, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed. Any Change Order that increases the office square footage, increases the amount of Building equipment, or increases the scope of construction as specifically detailed in the Final Building Shell Plans, shall result in specific costs which shall be paid by Buyer to Seller at Closing or the earlier termination of this Agreement (other than as a result of Seller's default). Buyer may by Change Order replace the materials called for in the Final Building Shell Plans with comparable materials, or with materials of a higher grade, but Buyer shall have no right to change the materials to materials which, in Seller's reasonable opinion, are of an inferior grade or quality to those called for in the Final Building Shell Plans. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, at Seller's request, Buyer shall deposit ten percent (10%) of the cost of each Change Order up to the first Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) of all such Change Orders and fifty percent (50%) of the cost of all Change Orders after the first Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) of all such Change Orders, in escrow with the Title Company (the "Change Order Deposit") within fifteen (15) days after Seller's request therefor and as a condition to implementation of the applicable Change Order(s). Any such Change Order Deposit made as required hereunder shall be subject to escrow instructions reasonably satisfactory to Seller, Buyer and the Title Company, and shall provide that such Change Order Deposit shall be paid to Seller at Closing (and shall not be credited against the Purchase Price), or returned to Buyer if Buyer is entitled to a return of the Deposit hereunder.

Within twenty-eight (28) days after the Effective Date, Seller shall prepare or cause to be prepared plans and (d) specifications sufficient to cause a building permit to be issued for the construction of the Tenant Improvements along with a construction budget for such work, which plans and specifications shall be consistent and compatible with the Preliminary Tenant Improvement Plans (the "Submitted Tenant Improvement Plans"). Buyer shall have ten (10) business days after Seller has delivered (or caused the delivery of) such Submitted Tenant Improvement Plans to Buyer to approve the Submitted Tenant Improvement Plans. If Buyer fails to approve or request changes to the Submitted Tenant Improvement Plans within ten (10) business days after its receipt thereof, then Buyer shall be deemed to have approved the Submitted Tenant Improvement Plans and the same shall thereupon be the "Final Tenant Improvement Plans." If Buyer timely requests any changes ("Buyer Requested Change") to the Submitted Tenant Improvement Plans, Seller shall make those changes which are reasonably requested by Buyer and shall within ten (10) business days of its receipt of such request submit the revised portion of the Submitted Tenant Improvement Plans to Buyer. Buyer may not thereafter disapprove the revised portions of the Submitted Tenant Improvement Plans unless Seller has unreasonably failed to incorporate reasonable comments of Buyer and, subject to the foregoing, the Submitted Tenant Improvement Plans, as modified by said acceptable revisions, shall be deemed to be Final Tenant Improvement Plans upon the submission of said acceptable revisions to Buyer. This process shall be repeated until such time as all Buyer Requested Changes have been appropriately incorporated into the Submitted Tenant Improvement Plans. Buyer shall at all times in its review of the Submitted Tenant Improvement Plans, and of any revisions thereto, act reasonably and in good faith. The Final Tenant Improvement Plans and the Final Building Shell Plans, are collectively referred to herein as the "Final Plans."

Seller shall cause the Building Shell to be constructed at Seller's sole cost and expense (except as otherwise (e) provided in this Agreement), in a good and workmanlike manner, in substantial and material compliance with the Final Building Shell Plans, and in compliance with all applicable building codes and regulations of the City. Seller shall complete the Building Shell in a timely manner in substantial accordance with the construction schedule for the Building Shell attached hereto as Exhibit B-6 ("Construction Schedule"), subject only to Buyer Delays (hereinafter defined) and Unavoidable Delays (hereinafter defined) and in all events, on or before July 1, 2007 (the "Outside Completion Date"). For each day elapsing between the Outside Completion Date (as such date may be extended pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.2) and the Substantial Completion of the Improvements, the Buyer shall receive a credit against the Purchase Price in an amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) per day, with the understanding, however, that there shall be no such credit to the Purchase Price for delays in Substantial Completion due to Buyer Delays or Unavoidable Delays. Any credit against the Purchase Price received by Buyer pursuant to the foregoing sentence shall in no event exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000). At such time as Buyer's credit pursuant to this Section 2.2(e) would exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) (but for the foregoing limitation), then Buyer may elect to terminate this Agreement upon written notice to Seller in which event this Agreement shall terminate and the Deposit shall be returned to Buyer (and neither party shall have any further liability to the other) unless Seller agrees within ten (10) days after receipt of such termination notice to allow the \$2,500 per day credit to continue above \$250,000 until Substantial Completion is actually achieved. Buyer shall have no obligation for construction costs attributable to the Building Shell except for any Change Orders. Seller shall cause the Tenant Improvements to be constructed in a good and workmanlike manner, in substantial accordance with the Final Tenant Improvement Plans, and in accordance with all applicable building codes and requirements of the City. Seller shall pay the first Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) of the construction costs attributable to the Tenant Improvements (collectively, the "Tenant Improvements Construction Costs") and Buyer shall be responsible for the balance of the Tenant Improvements Construction Cost; provided, however, prior to commencement of the Tenant Improvements, Seller shall provide to Buyer a cost estimate providing the maximum cost of the Tenant Improvements (the "Maximum Tenant Improvement Cost Estimate") for its prior written approval. Seller shall be responsible for any costs of the Tenant Improvements in excess of the Maximum Tenant Improvement Cost Estimate, unless such increase(s) are due to (i) Change Orders required by the Buyer or documented due to Buyer Delay or (ii) Unavoidable Delays (as defined herein). The Improvements shall be designed by Realacorp and constructed by a general contractor selected by Seller, subject to the prior written approval of Buyer, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed. If Buyer fails to approve the general contractor selected by Seller within three (3) business days after its receipt of notice of the general contractor selected by Seller, then Buyer shall be deemed to have approved such general contractor. If required by Buyer, Seller shall submit the Improvements, or applicable portions thereof, for competitive bidding. Seller shall cause the Improvements to be constructed substantially in accordance with the Final Plans and in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Seller shall make no changes to the Final Plans without Buyer's prior written consent, with the exception of immaterial details which will not affect Buyer's use and occupancy of the Building and the other Improvements. In the event Seller should make any modifications to the Final Plans without Buyer's prior written consent in accordance with the preceding sentence, Seller shall promptly advise Buyer of the changes which were made. Seller shall have the Final Plans sealed by the architect, obtain all required building permits, certificates and licenses necessary to occupy the Building (other than business licenses attributable to Buyer's business to be operated in the Building) and thereafter, in accordance with all applicable law and insurance requirements, cause the construction of the Improvements to be carried out in a diligent and good workmanlike manner, subject to any Buyer Delays. Seller shall pay and discharge all liens applicable to the construction of the Improvements, at its sole cost and expense, and payment of all such liens or lien claims shall be a condition to Buyer's obligation to purchase the Property, and Buyer hereby acknowledges that Seller may use the Purchase Price proceeds to satisfy such liens and claims (provided that Seller shall be entitled to bond around any such liens if permitted under applicable law). As used herein, "Unavoidable Delays" shall mean an act of God, fire, earthquake, flood, explosion, war, insurrection, riot, mob violence, sabotage, inability to procure labor, equipment, facilities, materials or supplies, strikes, walk-outs, action of labor unions, condemnation, laws, litigation involving a party, inability to obtain governmental permits or approvals, unusually inclement weather, and other matters not within the control of the party in question.

(f) "Substantial Completion" of the Improvements shall occur upon (i) the completion of the Improvements in substantial compliance with the Final Plans (as determined by the architect of record) (subject only to Punch List Items (as defined below)), and (ii) the issuance by the appropriate governmental authority of a temporary certificate of occupancy (or its equivalent) for the Improvements, unless the temporary certificate of occupancy cannot be issued because Buyer has not completed work for which it is responsible that is required for issuance of the temporary certificate of occupancy, provided that (A) Seller has completed all work for which it is record, and (B) if at Closing any work remains to be performed in order for a permanent certificate of occupancy (or its equivalent) to be issued, then with respect to any such work that is the responsibility of Seller under this Agreement (and not with respect to any work that is the responsibility of such work (as reasonably estimated by the contractor(s) performing such work) shall be held back in escrow by the Title Company from the sale proceeds pursuant to mutually acceptable reasonable escrow instructions which shall provide that such funds shall be released to Seller upon completion of such work).

(g) No later than the date which is thirty (30) days prior to the estimated date of Substantial Completion, Seller shall give Buyer written notice that Seller estimates Substantial Completion will occur thirty (30) days thereafter. At any time after receipt of such notice, but subject to the provisions of Section 9.3 hereof, Buyer may commence construction and installation of Buyer's equipment and fixtures within the Building. Seller and Buyer shall cause their respective workmen to work in cooperation with each other.

(h) On or prior to the date of Substantial Completion, a representative of Seller and a representative of Buyer together shall inspect the Improvements and, within fifteen (15) days thereafter, generate a punchlist of defective or uncompleted items relating to the completion of construction of the Improvements (the "<u>Punch List Items</u>"), which Punch List Items shall indicate the estimation by the parties of the cost of each item. At the Closing, Seller shall escrow with the Title Company an amount equal to one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the estimated cost to complete the Punch List Items (the "<u>Punch List Escrow</u>"), subject to escrow instructions reasonably satisfactory to the Seller, the Buyer and the Title Company, which shall provide that Seller shall, within a reasonable time, but not later than sixty (60) days after the Closing Date, complete such incomplete work and remedy such defective work as are set forth on the Punch List Items, and if Seller fails to timely complete the Punch List Items, the parties shall agree upon the reasonable cost to complete any remaining Punch List Items, and such amount shall be delivered out of the Punch List Escrow to the Buyer, with the balance of the Punch List Escrow to be delivered to the Seller, and Seller shall have no further obligations with respect to the Punch List Items.

(i) For the purposes of this Agreement, "<u>Buyer Delays</u>" shall mean any actual delay in the date of Substantial Completion of the Improvements due to Buyer's required action or inaction, including, without limitation: (A) any written Change Order which was requested by Buyer and causes a delay in the Substantial Completion of the Improvements, (B) any grant of Buyer's request to delay construction for consideration of potential or actual alterations to the construction of the Improvements, (C) Buyer's failure to supply in a timely fashion information requested by Seller necessary for the timely construction of the Improvements, and (D) any request for non-standard building components (contrary to the Final Plans), which results in an actual delay in the Substantial Completion of the Improvements. For each day of documented Buyer Delay, the Purchase Price shall be increased by an amount equal to Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) per day, with the understanding, however, that there shall be no adjustment to the Purchase Price if there are delays in Substantial Completion for causes other than Buyer Delays, including, without limitation, delays due to inclement weather, unavailability of services or materials (except where due to Buyer Delays), or delays due to failure to receive timely approvals from any applicable governmental authorities (except where due to Buyer Delays).

ARTICLE III BUYER'S EXAMINATION

Section 3.1 Buyer's Independent Investigation.

(a) Buyer acknowledges and agrees that it has been given a full opportunity to inspect and investigate each and every aspect of the Property (as it exists as of the Effective Date), either independently or through agents of Buyer's choosing, including, without limitation:

(i) all the items described on <u>Schedule 2</u> hereto (the "<u>Due Diligence Documentation</u>"). Buyer hereby acknowledges receipt of the Due Diligence Documentation.

(ii) all matters relating to title, together with all governmental and other legal requirements such as taxes, assessments, zoning, use permit requirements and building codes,

(iii) the physical condition of the Property. Such examination of the physical condition of the Property shall include an examination for the presence or absence of hazardous or toxic materials, substances or wastes (collectively, "<u>Hazardous Materials</u>"), which shall be performed or arranged by Buyer at Buyer's sole expense,

(iv) any easements and/or access rights affecting the Property,

(v) the service contracts and other contracts or agreements of significance to the Property (hereinafter collectively referred to as "<u>Contracts</u>"), and

(vi) all other matters of material significance affecting the Property.

(b) BUYER SPECIFICALLY ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT, EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN SECTION 2.2 ABOVE AND IN SECTION 5.1 BELOW, SELLER IS SELLING AND BUYER IS PURCHASING THE PROPERTY ON AN "AS IS WITH ALL FAULTS" BASIS AND THAT BUYER IS NOT RELYING ON ANY REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND WHATSOEVER, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, FROM SELLER, ITS AGENTS, OR BROKERS AS TO ANY MATTERS CONCERNING THE PROPERTY, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION: (i) the quality, nature, adequacy and physical condition of the Property, (ii) the quality, nature, adequacy, and physical condition of soils, geology and any groundwater, (iii) the existence, quality, nature, adequacy and physical condition of utilities serving the Property, (iv) the development potential of the Property, and the Property's use, habitability, merchantability, or fitness, suitability, value or adequacy of the Property for any particular purpose, (v) the zoning or other legal status of the Property or any other public or private restrictions on use of the Property, (vi) the compliance of the Property or its operation with any applicable codes, laws, regulations, statutes, ordinances, covenants, conditions and restrictions of any governmental or quasi-governmental entity or of any other person or entity, (vii) the property, (ix) the Contracts (x) the economics of the Property or the adjoining or neighboring property, (viii) the condition of title to the Property, (ix) the Contracts (x) the economics of the operation of the Property and (xi) the type, quality or nature of any use or business conducted on any neighboring property.

Section 3.2 Release.

(a) Without limiting the above, except with respect to a breach by Seller of any of the representations and warranties contained in Section 5.1 hereof or Seller's fraud, or a breach by Seller of its duties and obligations in Section 2.2. hereof, Buyer on behalf of itself and its successors and assigns waives its right to recover from, and forever releases and discharges, Seller, Seller's affiliates, Seller's investment manager, the partners, trustees, shareholders, directors, officers, employees and agents of Seller, and its respective heirs, successors, personal representatives and assigns, from any and all demands, claims, legal or administrative proceedings, losses, liabilities, damages, penalties, fines, liens, judgments, costs or expenses whatsoever (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and costs), whether direct or indirect, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, that may arise on account of or in any way be connected with the physical condition of the Property or any law or regulation applicable thereto, including, without limitation, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (42 U.S.C. Section 9601 et seq.), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. Section 6901 et seq.), the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. Section 1251 et seq.), the Safe Drinking Water Act (12 U.S.C. Section 300f et seq.), the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. Section 1801 et seq.), and the Toxic Substances Control Act (15 U.S.C. Section 2601 et seq.).

(b) The provisions of this Section 3.2 shall survive the Closing.

ARTICLE IV TITLE

Section 4.1 Conditions of Title.

(a) At the Closing, Seller shall convey title to the Real Property to Buyer by good and sufficient limited warranty deed in the form of **Exhibit C** attached hereto (the "<u>Deed</u>").

(b) At the Closing, Seller shall transfer title to the Personal Property by a bill of sale in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit D** (the "<u>Bill of Sale</u>").

(c) At the Closing, Seller shall transfer title to the Intangible Property by an assignment and assumption of Contracts, Warranties and Guaranties and other intangible property in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit E**, which shall provide that Seller's construction warranties are assigned to Buyer on a non-exclusive basis in order that Seller may reserve the right to pursue any claims which it may have against the contractor pursuant to the construction warranties (the "Assignment and Assumption of Contracts").

Section 4.2 Evidence of Title. As a condition to the Closing, delivery of title in accordance with the foregoing shall be evidenced by the willingness of the Title Company to issue, at Closing, its standard American Land Title Association Form B Owner's Policy of Title Insurance (the "<u>Title Policy</u>") in the amount of the Purchase Price showing good, marketable and insurable fee simple title to the Real Property and the Appurtenances vested in Buyer, subject to no exceptions other than the following:

- (i) Non-delinquent liens for local real estate taxes and assessments;
- (ii) Any permitted Development Encumbrances pursuant to 2.1(c) above; and

(iii) Any exceptions disclosed by the Pro Forma as updated by the Title Commitment or which have been approved or waived pursuant to Section 2.1(b) above, and any exceptions to title which would be disclosed by an inspection and/or survey of the Property.

All of the foregoing exceptions shall be referred to collectively as the "Conditions of Title."

Section 4.3 As-Built Survey. Within at least three (3) business days prior to the Closing, Seller, at its sole cost and expense, shall provide to Buyer a current "as built" survey of the Property (the "<u>As-Built Survey</u>") which may be an update of the Survey provided in accordance with Section 2.1(a) hereof. The As-Built Survey shall meet all requirements of an ALTA/ACSM Land Title Survey which are necessary to obtain an extended coverage title insurance policy, and shall demonstrate that the Improvements do not encroach upon or violate (unless the Title Company insures against the forced removal of any such encroachments) with respect to: (i) any title exceptions, other than those approved by Buyer in the Title Commitment and Survey which it was initially provided pursuant to Section 2.1(a) hereof (provided that Buyer shall not be deemed to have approved any violation that was not actually depicted on such initial Survey and which is depicted on the As-Built Survey, such as a set-back violation where the set-back lines were depicted on the initial Survey but a violation of the set-back lines was only shown on the As-Built Survey) or as otherwise permitted under this Agreement, or (ii) the terms and conditions of any of the Development Encumbrances, other than those approved by Buyer pursuant to Section 2.1(c) hereof. The As-Built Survey shall also be provided by Seller to the Title Company, and if the legal description of the Property as shown on the As-Built Survey varies from the legal descriptions contained in the Title Commitment, the Title Commitment shall be updated to conform to the legal description of the Property contained on the As-Built Survey.



ARTICLE V SELLER'S REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

Section 5.1 Representations and Warranties of Seller. Seller represents and warrants to Buyer that:

(a) Seller is a corporation, duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Maryland. This Agreement (i) is and at the time of Closing will be duly authorized, executed and delivered by Seller, (ii) is and at the time of Closing will be legal, valid and binding obligations of Seller, and (iii) does not and at the time of Closing will not violate any provision of any agreement or judicial order to which Seller is a party or to which Seller or the Property are subject. All documents executed by Seller, (ii) are or at the time of Closing will be duly authorized, executed and delivered by Seller, (ii) are or at the time of Closing will be duly authorized, executed and delivered by Seller, (ii) are or at the time of Closing will be legal, valid and binding obligations of Seller, and (iii) do not and at the time of Closing will not violate any provision of any agreement or judicial order to which Seller is a party or to which Seller or the Property is subject.

(b) Seller is not a "foreign person" within the meaning of Section 1445(f)(3) of the Federal Code.

(c) The list of service contracts in <u>Schedule 3</u> attached hereto is a complete list of all of the service contracts affecting the Property as of the date hereof.

(d) Seller has not received written notice from any applicable governmental authority that the Property is in violation of any laws, ordinances or regulations of any applicable governmental authority having jurisdiction thereover or control thereof.

(e) Seller has not received written notice from any applicable governmental authority of any pending or threatened special assessments or condemnation actions with respect to the Property.

(f) Seller has no actual knowledge, except as to matters disclosed in the Phase I Environmental Assessment conducted by Contour Environmental, LLC, dated June 9, 2006, and has received no written notice that the Property is in violation of any federal, state, local or administrative agency ordinance, law, rule, regulation, order or requirement relating to environmental conditions or Hazardous Material ("<u>Environmental Laws</u>"). For the purposes hereof, "<u>Hazardous Material</u>" shall mean any substance, chemical, waste or other material which is listed, defined or otherwise identified as "hazardous" or "toxic" under any federal, state, local or administrative agency ordinance or law, including, without limitation, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601 <u>et seq</u>. and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6901 <u>et seq</u>. or any regulation, order, rule or requirement adopted thereunder, as well as any formaldehyde, urea, polychlorinated biphenyls, petroleum, petroleum product or by-product, crude oil, natural gas, natural gas liquids, liquefied natural gas, or synthetic gas usable for fuel or mixture thereof, radon, asbestos, and "source," "special nuclear" and "by-product" material as defined in the Atomic Energy Act of 1985, 42 U.S.C. §§ 3011 <u>et seq</u>.

(g) Seller has not been the subject of any filing of a petition under the Federal Bankruptcy Law or any federal or state insolvency laws or laws for composition of indebtedness or for the reorganization of debtors.

(h) Except as disclosed in <u>Schedule 4</u> attached hereto, there is no litigation filed against Seller that would adversely affect the current use or operation of the Property or the ability of Seller to perform their obligations under this Agreement.

Section 5.2 Certain Limitations on Seller's Representations and Warranties. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, no claim for a breach of a representation or warranty by Buyer shall be actionable if the breach in question results from or is based on a condition, state of facts or other matter with respect to which Buyer has actual knowledge on or prior to the Closing (such conditions, state of facts or other matters are herein referred to as "Exception Matters"). If Buyer obtains knowledge of any Exception Matters after the Effective Date and prior to Closing and such Exception Matters would have a material adverse effect on Buyer's ability to use and operate its business at the Property as reasonably contemplated by Buyer, Buyer may elect to either (i) proceed with the purchase of the Property subject to such Exception Matters and without any adjustment to the Purchase Price, or (ii) upon written notice to Seller specifying the nature of the Exception Matters, Buyer may elect to terminate this Agreement and receive a refund of the Deposit; provided, that if Buyer so elects to terminate this Agreement, Seller shall have the right, but not the obligation, to cure such Exception Matters within the thirty (30) day period following delivery of such notice (and the Closing shall be delayed to the extent necessary to allow Seller the entire thirty (30) day period within which to effect such cure) and if Seller cures such Exception Matters, then Buyer's right to terminate this Agreement as a result of such Exception Matters shall be null and void and this Agreement shall continue without termination (and, if the Closing Date is extended, Closing shall occur on the date that is five (5) business days after Seller cures such Exception Matters). If Buyer fails to make the election in (ii) within five (5) business days after obtaining knowledge of an Exception Matter, then Buyer shall be deemed to have made the election under (i) above. Upon a termination of this Agreement pursuant to this Section 5.2, the Deposit shall be refunded to Buyer, Seller shall pay to Buyer for its actual out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with this transaction up to a sum in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) in the aggregate, and neither party shall have any further rights or obligations hereunder except as provided in Sections 7.1, 9.3 and 9.12 below.

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Section 5.3 Survival; Limitation of Liability. All representations and warranties of Seller contained in this Agreement shall survive the Closing, provided that Buyer must give Seller written notice of any claim it may have against Seller for a breach of any such representation or warranty, or for breach of any covenants of Seller contained in this Agreement, within one (1) year following of the Closing Date. Any claim which Buyer may have at any time, whether known or unknown, which is not asserted within such one (1) year period shall not be valid or effective, and Seller shall have no liability with respect thereto. Without limiting the foregoing, Buyer may not bring any action against Seller for a breach of any representation, warranty or covenant of Seller contained in this Agreement or in any agreement delivered by Seller to Buyer at Closing unless and until the aggregate amount of all liability and losses arising out of any such breach exceeds Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), it being Seller's desire to curtail any frivolous lawsuits. In addition, in no event will Seller's liability for all such breaches exceed, in the aggregate, Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000). The provisions of this Section 5.3 shall survive the Closing.

ARTICLE VI CONDEMNATION

Section 6.1 Condemnation. Seller shall give Buyer notice of the commencement of condemnation proceedings affecting any portion of the Property, or receipt by Seller of any written threat of condemnation from a governmental authority with the power to condemn. In the event that either: (i) more than ten percent (10%) of the Property, or (ii) any portion of the Property that materially and adversely interferes with the use of the Property by Buyer as a distribution facility, is condemned or threatened in writing to be condemned prior to the Closing, then Buyer may, at its option to be exercised within ten (10) business days of Seller's notice of the occurrence of the commencement of condemnation proceedings or receipt of a written threat of condemnation, either terminate this Agreement or agree to continue with this Agreement to consummate the purchase for the full Purchase Price as required by the terms hereof. If Buyer elects to terminate this Agreement or fails to give Seller notice within such ten (10) business day period that Buyer will proceed with the purchase, then this Agreement shall terminate at the end of such ten (10) business day period, the Deposit shall be returned to Buyer and neither party shall have any further rights or obligations hereunder except as provided in Sections 7.1, 9.3 and 9.12 below. If (a) either: (i) ten percent (10%) or less of the Property is condemned prior to the Closing, or (ii) such condemnation does not materially interfere with Buyer's operations of the Property as a distribution facility, or (b) Buyer elects within the aforesaid ten (10) business day period to proceed with the purchase, then this Agreement shall not terminate and upon the Closing, there shall be a credit against the Purchase Price due hereunder equal to the amount of any condemnation awards collected by Seller as a result of any such condemnation, or any payment received in lieu of condemnation (but in no event shall the amount of such credit exceed the Purchase Price). If the awards, or any payment in lieu thereof, have not been collected as of the Closing, then such awards, or any payment in lieu thereof, shall be assigned to Buyer, and Buyer shall not receive any credit against the Purchase Price with respect to such awards, or any payment in lieu thereof; provided, that if the amount of awards, or any payment in lieu thereof, subsequently received by Buyer exceeds the Purchase Price, then Buyer shall pay to Seller any such excess within ten (10) days after Buyer's receipt of such awards, or any payment in lieu thereof. The provisions of this Section 6.1 shall survive the Closing.

Casualty. All risk of loss with respect to the Property until Closing shall be borne by Seller. In the event that Section 6.2 any damage or destruction of the Property, or any part thereof by fire or other casualty occurs prior to the actual Closing, the Seller shall provide written notice of such casualty to Buyer within ten (10) business days following the date of such casualty, which notice shall include an election by Seller of whether it will repair or restore the casualty damage to the Property, or elect to terminate this Agreement due to such casualty. If Seller elects to repair or restore the damage to the Property caused by such casualty, Seller shall repair and restore all such damage and complete the Improvements in accordance with the requirements of Section 2.2 hereof, and the Outside Completion Date shall be extended by the reasonable period necessary to repair and restore the Improvements due to such casualty, but in no event beyond October 15, 2007 without the prior consent of Buyer to a further extension beyond October 15, 2007. If Seller elects to terminate this Agreement due to such casualty, the Deposit shall be immediately refunded to the Buyer, and the parties shall have no further duties or obligations under this Agreement. If Seller elects to repair or restore all damage to the Improvements due to such casualty, but the time necessary to repair or restore the Improvements will extend beyond October 15, 2007, the Buyer shall elect, within ten (10) business days after it has received written notice from Seller of the existence of such casualty, and the time estimated by Seller as being necessary for completion of the Improvements, to either: (i) terminate this Agreement, in which event the Deposit shall be immediately refunded to Buyer and the parties shall have no further duties or obligations hereunder, or (ii) agree to the extension to the Outside Completion Date proposed by Seller. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall the Buyer be required to close this transaction at any time between August 1, 2007 and November 1, 2007 ("Closing Blackout Period"), unless Buyer specifically consents to a Closing Date within such period. Where there is Substantial Completion of the Improvements during the Closing Blackout Period, the Closing Date shall be November 2, 2007. If the Buyer does not provide any written notice to Seller within ten (10) business days following receipt of the written notice from Seller advising of the existence of the casualty, the election by Seller to proceed with repair and restoration of the Improvements and the time estimated for completion, the Buyer shall be deemed to have elected the option provided in subparagraph (ii) above.

ARTICLE VII BROKERS AND EXPENSES

Section 7.1 Brokers. The parties represent and warrant to each other that except for Greg Herren of Seefried Properties, whose commissions shall be paid by Seller upon Closing in accordance with the provisions of a separate written agreement between Seller and such brokers, no other broker or finder was instrumental in arranging or bringing about this transaction and that there are no claims or rights for brokerage commissions or finder's fees in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. If any person brings a claim for a commission or finder's fee based upon any contact, dealings or communication with Buyer or Seller, then the party through whom such person makes his claim shall defend the other party (the "Indemnified Party") from such claim, and shall indemnify the Indemnified Party and hold the Indemnified Party harmless from any and all costs, damages, claims, liabilities or expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements) incurred by the Indemnified Party in defending against the claim. The provisions of this Section 7.1 shall survive the Closing or, if the purchase and sale is not consummated, any termination of this Agreement.

Section 7.2 Expenses. Except as provided in Section 2.1(b) and Section 5.2 above and in Section 8.4 below, each party hereto shall pay its own expenses incurred in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby.

ARTICLE VIII CLOSING AND ESCROW

Section 8.1 Escrow Instructions. Upon execution of this Agreement, the parties hereto shall deposit an executed counterpart of this Agreement with the Title Company, and this instrument shall serve as the instructions to the Title Company as the escrow holder for consummation of the purchase and sale contemplated hereby. Seller and Buyer agree to execute such reasonable additional and supplementary escrow instructions as may be appropriate to enable the Title Company to comply with the terms of this Agreement; provided, however, that in the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Agreement and any supplementary escrow instructions, the terms of this Agreement shall control.

Section 8.2 Closing. The Closing hereunder shall be held and delivery of all items to be made at the Closing under the terms of this Agreement shall be made at the offices of the Title Company on the earlier of: (i) the date which is five (5) business days after the Substantial Completion of the Improvements (subject to the extension provided in Section 6.2 hereof), and (ii) the date which is five (5) days after Buyer occupies the Improvements for the purpose of conducting business therein (which occupancy shall be permitted at the sole discretion of Seller), or if such date is not a business day then upon the next ensuing business day, before 1:00 p.m. local time (the "<u>Closing</u> <u>Date</u>"). Such date and time may not be extended without the prior written approval of both Seller and Buyer.

Section 8.3 Deposit of Documents.

(a) At or before the Closing, Seller shall deposit into escrow the following items:

- (i) the duly executed and acknowledged Deed, subject to the Conditions of Title;
- (ii) two (2) duly executed counterparts of the Bill of Sale;
- (iii) two (2) duly executed counterparts of the Assignment and Assumption of Contracts;

(iv) an affidavit pursuant to Section 1445(b)(2) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "<u>Federal Code</u>") in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit F**, and on which Buyer is entitled to rely, that each Seller is not a "foreign person" within the meaning of Section 1445(f)(3) of the Federal Code; and

(v) two (2) duly executed counterparts of a lease termination agreement, in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit G**, terminating that certain Commercial Lease Agreement dated December 20, 2002, as amended by that certain First Amendment to Lease on July 12, 2005, respectively, between AMB Partners II, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, as landlord, and Buyer, as tenant, for premises located at 700 Airport South Parkway, Clayton County, Georgia and at 574 Airport South Parkway, Suite 100, Clayton County, Georgia, ("Lease Termination Agreement");

(v i) a duly executed and acknowledged Affidavit Regarding Commercial Real Estate Brokers (Seller), substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit H** and described in Section 7.1;

(vii) a duly executed and acknowledged Affidavit of Seller's Residence, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit I**;

(viii) a duly executed and acknowledged Commercial Real Estate Broker's Affidavit, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit J**; and

(ix) as soon as possible, but in any event within thirty (30) days after the Substantial Completion of the Improvements (either prior to or after the Closing Date, as applicable), at no cost to Buyer and only to the extent available, a set of the Final Plans, any applicable warranties, operating manuals, a full and completed construction manual, and other printed materials provided to Seller by its contractors or by manufacturers or installers of any element or system in the Improvements including, to the extent included in the Final Plans, doors, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, lighting systems, and electrical systems.

(b) At or before Closing, Buyer shall deposit into escrow the following items:

- (i) funds necessary to close this transaction;
- (ii) two (2) duly executed counterparts of the Bill of Sale;
- (iii) two (2) duly executed counterparts of the Assignment and Assumption of Contracts;
- (iv) two (2) duly executed counterparts of the Lease Termination Agreement; and

(v) a duly executed and acknowledged Affidavit Regarding Commercial Real Estate Brokers (Buyer) substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit K**.

(c) Buyer and Seller shall each deposit such other instruments as are reasonably required by the Title Company or otherwise required to close the escrow and consummate the purchase and sale of the Property in accordance with the terms hereof. Buyer and Seller hereby designate Title Company as the "Reporting Person" for the transaction pursuant to Section 6045(e) of the Federal Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

Section 8.4 Prorations

(a) With respect to the Property, Seller shall be entitled to all income produced from the operation of the Property which is allocable to the period prior to Closing and shall be responsible for all expenses allocable to that period; and Buyer shall be entitled to all income and responsible for all expenses allocable to the period beginning at 12:01 A.M. on the day Closing occurs. At the Closing, all items of income and expense with respect to the Property listed below shall be prorated in accordance with the foregoing principles and the rules for the specific items set forth hereafter:

(i) Seller shall arrange for a billing under all those Service Contracts for which fees are based on usage and with utility companies for a billing for utilities, to include all utilities or service used up to the day Closing occurs, and Seller shall pay the resultant bills. In the event any of the Service Contracts set forth in <u>Schedule 3</u> extend over periods beyond the Closing the same shall be prorated on a per diem basis. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Seller shall receive the benefit of any future credits or refunds from any utility company in connection with the installation of such utility services.

(i i) Real estate taxes and assessments on the Property shall be prorated based upon the period (i.e., calendar or other tax fiscal year) to which same are attributable, regardless of whether or not any such taxes are then due and payable or are a lien. Seller shall pay at or prior to Closing (or Buyer shall receive credit for) any unpaid taxes attributable to periods prior to the date of Closing (whether or not then due and payable or a lien as aforesaid); provided, that with respect to any assessments which can be paid in installments, Seller shall only be required to pay installments which are payable on or before the Closing Date. Seller shall receive credit for any previously paid or prepaid taxes attributable to periods from and after the date of Closing. In the event that as of the date Closing occurs the actual tax bills for the tax year or years in question are not available and the amount of tax to be prorated as aforesaid cannot be ascertained, then rates, millages and assessed valuation of the previous year, with known changes, shall be used; and after the Closing occurs and when the actual amount of taxes of the year or years in question shall be determinable, such taxes will be re-prorated between the parties to reflect the actual amount to such taxes.

(iii) Gas, water, electricity, heat, fuel, sewer and other utilities charges the governmental licenses, permits and inspection fees relating to the Property, shall be prorated on a per diem basis.

(b) The Title Company shall determine the aforesaid prorations and deliver such prorations to Seller and Buyer on or before the date that is three (3) business days before the Closing Date; provided that (i) if any of the aforesaid prorations cannot be calculated accurately as of the date that is three (3) business days prior to the Closing Date or, (ii) if any of the aforesaid prorations were calculated inaccurately, then the same shall be recalculated by the parties as soon as reasonably practicable after the Closing Date and either party owing the other party a sum of money based on such subsequent proration(s) shall promptly pay said sum to the other party, pursuant to the terms of this Section 8.4.

(c) Seller shall deliver to Buyer the Survey referenced in Section 2.1(a) and the As-Built Survey referenced in Section 4.3. Seller shall pay all costs for such surveys and shall pay the cost of any title examination charges exceeding Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000). Buyer shall pay for the cost of any title examination charges up to Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) and the cost of any endorsements to the Title Policy and any local transfer taxes applicable to the sale, and Seller shall pay the premium for the Title Policy and any state and county transfer taxes applicable to the sale. Seller and Buyer shall each pay fifty percent (50%) of any escrow fees and expenses. Seller and Buyer shall pay their respective attorneys' fees. Any recording charges or other closing costs applicable to the sale shall be prorated between Buyer and Seller in accordance with customary practice for Clayton County, Georgia.

(d) The provisions of this Section 8.4 shall survive the Closing.

ARTICLE IX MISCELLANEOUS

Section 9.1 Notices. Any notices required or permitted to be given hereunder shall be given in writing and shall be delivered (a) in person, (b) by certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, (c) by a commercial overnight courier that guarantees next day delivery and provides a receipt, or (d) by telefacinile or telecopy, and such notices shall be addressed as follows:

To Buyer:	Forward Air, Inc. 430 Airport Road Greenville, Tennessee 37745 Phone No.: (423) 636-7008 Fax No.: (423) 636-7274 Att'n: Legal Department	
With a copy to:	Clements, Allen, Woods & Margolis, P.C. 15303 Dallas Parkway, Suite 1050 Addison, Texas 75001 Phone No.: (972) 991-2600 Fax No.: (972) 991-2601 Att'n: Robert M. Allen, Esq.	
To Seller:	c/o Headlands Realty Corporation 60 State Street, Suite 1200 Boston, MA 02109 Phone No.: (617) 619-9308 Fax No.: (617) 619-9408 Att'n: Steven Kros	

With a copy to:	c/o Headlands Realty Corporation Pier One, Bay One	
	San Francisco, CA 94111	
	Phone No.: (415) 733-9521	
	Fax No.: (415) 477-2121	
	Att'n: Mr. Drew Singer	
With a copy to:	Morrison & Foerster LLP	
	755 Page Mill Road	
	Palo Alto, CA 94304	
	Phone No.: (650) 813-5613	
	Fax No.: (650) 494-0792	
	Att'n: Philip J. Levine, Esq.	

or to such other address as either party may from time to time specify in writing to the other party. Any notice shall be deemed delivered when actually delivered, if such delivery is in person, upon deposit with the U.S. Postal Service, if such delivery is by certified mail, upon deposit with the overnight courier service, if such delivery is by an overnight courier service, and upon transmission, if such delivery is by telefacsimile or telecopy.

Section 9.2 Entire Agreement. This Agreement, together with the Exhibits attached hereto, contain all representations, warranties and covenants made by Buyer and Seller and constitute the entire understanding between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof. Any prior correspondence, memoranda or agreements are replaced in total by this Agreement together with the Exhibits hereto.

Section 9.3 Entry and Indemnity. In connection with any entry by Buyer, or its agents, employees or contractors onto the Property, Buyer shall give Seller reasonable advance notice of such entry and shall conduct such entry and any inspections in connection therewith so as to minimize, to the greatest extent possible, interference with Seller's business and otherwise in a manner reasonably acceptable to Seller. Without limiting the foregoing, prior to any entry to perform any on-site testing, including any destructive or invasive testing, Buyer shall give Seller notice thereof, including the identity of the company or persons who will perform such testing and the proposed scope of the testing. In the event that Buyer proposed to perform any destructive or invasive testing, Seller shall approve or disapprove, which such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. If Buyer or its agents, employees or contractors take any sample from the Property in connection with any such approved testing, at Seller's request, Buyer shall provide to Seller a portion of such sample being tested to allow Seller, if it so chooses, to perform its own testing. Seller or their representative may be present to observe any testing or other inspection performed on the Property. Upon Seller's request, Buyer shall promptly deliver to Seller copies of any reports relating to any testing or other inspection of the Property performed by Buyer or its agents, employees or contractors. Buyer shall maintain, and shall assure that its contractors maintain, public liability and property damage insurance in amounts (public liability in a combined single limit of not less than \$2,000,000) and in form and substance adequate to insure against all liability of Buyer and its agents, employees or contractors, arising out of any entry or inspections of the Property pursuant to the provisions hereof, and Buyer shall provide Seller with evidence of such insurance coverage upon request by Seller. Buyer shall indemnify and hold Seller harmless from and against any costs, damages, liabilities, losses, expenses, liens or claims (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees) arising out of or relating to any entry on the Property by Buyer, its agents, employees or contractors in the course of performing the inspections, testings or inquiries provided for in this Agreement, excluding, however, any expenses or claims due to Seller's gross negligence or intentional misconduct. The foregoing indemnity shall survive beyond the Closing, or, if the sale is not consummated, beyond the termination of this Agreement.

Section 9.4 Time. Time is of the essence in the performance of each of the parties' respective obligations contained herein.

Section 9.5 1031 Exchange. The parties acknowledge and agree that either party may elect to assign their interest in this Agreement to an exchange facilitator by means of one or more escrows for the purpose of completing an exchange of such Property in a transaction which will qualify for treatment as a tax deferred exchange pursuant to the provisions of Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and applicable state revenue and taxation code sections (a "<u>1031 Exchange</u>"). Each party agrees to reasonably cooperate with any party so electing in implementing any such assignment and 1031 Exchange, provided that such cooperation shall not entail any additional expense to the non-electing party, cause such party to take title to any other property or cause such party exposure to any liability or loss of rights or benefits contemplated by this Agreement, and the electing party shall indemnify, defend and hold the non-electing party harmless from any liability, damage, loss, cost or other expense including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, resulting or arising from the implementation of any such assignment and 1031 Exchange. No such assignment by any party shall relieve such party from any of its obligations hereunder, nor shall such party's ability to consummate a tax deferred exchange be a condition to the performance of such party's obligations under this Agreement; provided, however, that Seller shall have the right, upon written notice to Buyer, to extend the Closing for a period of up to two (2) months to accommodate any such exchange by Seller.

Section 9.6 Attorneys' Fees. If either party hereto fails to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement or if any dispute arises between the parties hereto concerning the meaning or interpretation of any provision of this Agreement, then the defaulting party or the party not prevailing in such dispute, as the case may be, shall pay any and all costs and expenses incurred by the other party on account of such default and/or in enforcing or establishing its rights hereunder, including, without limitation, court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements. Any such attorneys' fees and other expenses incurred by either party in enforcing a judgment in its favor under this Agreement shall be recoverable separately from and in addition to any other amount included in such judgment, and such attorneys' fees obligation is intended to be severable from the other provisions of this Agreement and to survive and not be merged into any such judgment.

Section 9.7 Jury Trial Waiver. The parties hereby agree to waive any right to trial by jury with respect to any action or proceeding (i) brought by either party or any other party, relating to (A) this Agreement and/or any understandings or prior dealings between the parties hereto, or (B) the Property or any part thereof, or (ii) to which Seller is a party. The parties hereby acknowledge and agree that this Agreement constitutes a written consent to waiver of trial by jury pursuant to any applicable state statutes.

Section 9.8 No Merger. The obligations contained herein shall not merge with the transfer of title to the Property but shall remain in effect until fulfilled.

Section 9.9 Assignment. Buyer's rights and obligations hereunder shall not be assignable without the prior written consent of Seller, in its sole discretion. In no event shall Buyer be released from any of its obligations or liabilities hereunder if Seller approves of any assignment of this Agreement. Subject to the foregoing, this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

Section 9.10 Counterparts and Facsimile. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument. The parties contemplate that they may be executing counterparts of this Agreement transmitted by facsimile and agree and intend that a signature by facsimile machine shall bind the party so signing with the same effect as though the signature were an original signature.

Section 9.11 Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia.

Section 9.12 Confidentiality. Buyer and Seller shall each maintain as confidential any and all material obtained about the other and, in the case of Buyer, about the Property, and shall not disclose such information to any third party except for disclosures required by court order or subpoena. In addition, neither party shall issue any press release or other public announcement regarding this transaction without first obtaining the other party's written approval with respect to the release or announcement and the content thereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Buyer may disclose any information regarding the economic terms of this transaction to its lenders, accountants, attorneys and other consultants and advisors, without any consent or approval of Seller; provided, however, prior to receiving disclosed information, such parties shall in writing acknowledge the confidential nature of the material and agree to maintain as confidential all such material. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary provided in this Agreement, after the Closing, Seller and Buyer shall be permitted to make such disclosures regarding the Property and the subject transaction as are similar or consistent with Seller's and Buyer's general public disclosure policy, including disclosures made by Seller or Buyer in their quarterly supplemental analyst disclosure packages. This provision shall survive the Closing or any termination of this Agreement.

Section 9.13 General Rules of Construction. The parties acknowledge that this Agreement has been freely negotiated by both parties, that each party has had the opportunity to review and revise this Agreement, that each party has had the opportunity to consult with counsel with regard to this Agreement, and that the normal rule of construction to the effect that any ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party will not be employed in the interpretation of this Agreement or any amendments or exhibits to this Agreement.

Section 9.14 Insurance. Through the Closing Date, Seller shall maintain or cause to be maintained, at Seller's sole cost and expense the following insurance: (a) workman's compensation insurance for all persons carrying out any work required relating to the Property, in accordance with and to the extent required by the requirements of applicable laws relative to workman's compensation insurance, (b) comprehensive or commercial and general liability insurance on an "occurrence" basis, and (c) a standard "all risk" builders risk policy of insurance in an amount of not less than the full replacement cost of the Improvements. All such insurance policies shall be issued by insurance carriers licensed and approved to do business in the State of Georgia, and, upon Buyer's written request, Seller shall provide Buyer with certificates evidencing such policies.

Section 9.15 Interpretation of Agreement. The article, section and other headings of this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not be construed to affect the meaning of any provision contained herein. Where the context so requires, the use of the singular shall include the plural and vice versa and the use of the masculine shall include the feminine and the neuter. The term "person" shall include any individual, partnership, joint venture, corporation, trust, unincorporated association, any other entity and any government or any department or agency thereof, whether acting in an individual, fiduciary or other capacity.

Section 9.16 Authority of Buyer. Buyer represents and warrants to Seller that Buyer is a corporation, duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the laws of the State of Tennessee. Buyer further represents and warrants to Seller that this Agreement and all documents executed by Buyer which are to be delivered to Seller at Closing (a) are or at the time of Closing will be duly authorized, executed and delivered by Buyer, (b) are or at the time of Closing will be legal, valid and binding obligations of Buyer, and (c) do not and at the time of Closing will not violate any provision of any agreement or judicial order to which Buyer is a party or to which Buyer is subject. The foregoing representation and warranty and any and all other representations and warranties of Buyer contained herein shall survive the Closing Date.

Section 9.17 Limited Liability. The obligations of Seller are intended to be binding only on the Seller's assets, subject to the limits of Section 5.3, and the obligations of Seller shall not be personally binding upon, nor shall any resort be had to, the private properties of any of its trustees, officers, directors or shareholders, the general partners, officers, directors or shareholders thereof, or any employees or agents of Seller.

Section 9.18 Amendments. This Agreement may be amended or modified only by a written instrument signed by Buyer and Seller.

Section 9.19 No Recording. Neither this Agreement or any memorandum or short form thereof may be recorded by Buyer.

Section 9.20 Effective Date. As used herein, the term "Effective Date" shall mean the first date on which both Seller and Buyer shall have executed this Agreement.

Section 9.21 Restrictions On Sale; Right of First Notice Regarding Sale of the Property.

(a) For a period ending two (2) years after the Closing Date (the "<u>Restriction Period</u>"), Buyer shall not engage in a sale, disposition or ground lease in excess of twenty-five (25) years (inclusive of any extension option periods contained in such ground lease) (a "<u>Ground Lease</u>"), of the Real Property without the prior written consent of the Seller, which may be withheld in Seller's sole and absolute discretion. Buyer's restriction to sell the Property under this Section 9.21(a) shall be evidenced in the Deed. The provisions of this Section 9.21(a) shall survive the Closing for a period which ends upon the expiration of the Restriction Period. The Buyer acknowledges that the Buyer's agreement to this absolute restriction on sale during the Restriction Period was a material inducement to Seller selling the Property to Buyer and Seller would not have sold the Property to Buyer but for the inclusion of the restriction on sale contained in this Section 9.21.

(b) If, during the period commencing immediately after the end of the Restriction Period and continuing through and including the tenth (10th) year anniversary of the Closing Date, Buyer desires to sell all or any portion of the Property (it being understood that any such sale during the Restricted Period shall be subject to the provisions of Section 9.21(a) above), Buyer shall deliver a written notice to Seller, which notice shall set forth all of the material business terms of the proposed sale, including, without limitation, the purchase price, the allocation of closing costs and prorations, the amount of any deposit, the length of the due diligence period, the date on which closing is to occur, and the terms of any lease back arrangement proposed by Buyer (the "<u>Offer Notice</u>"). The right of first notice under this Section 9.21(b) shall be evidenced in the Deed. Buyer hereby agrees that Buyer shall not try to circumvent or evade Seller's right of first notice pursuant to this Section 9.21(b) and Seller's right of first notice pursuant to the terms of the Property in lieu of selling the Property. The provisions of the (10) years, after which Seller's right of first notice shall expire and terminate and be of no further force and effect. Further, upon the termination of Seller's right of first notice and if requested by Buyer, Seller shall execute a release of such right of first notice in form suitable for recording in the Real Property Records of Clayton County, Georgia.

Section 9.22 Deadlines on Non-Business Days. In the event any deadline specified herein falls on a day which is not a regular business day (including, without limitation, any day where the banks in San Francisco, California or the offices of the Escrow Agent in San Francisco, California, are closed), then the deadline shall be extended to the end of the next following regular business day.

Section 9.23 Default. No party shall be deemed to be in default under this Agreement unless such party fails, for any reason other than the other party's default hereunder or the failure of a condition precedent to such party's obligation to perform hereunder, to meet, comply with or perform any covenant, agreement or obligation on such party's part required within the time limits and in the manner required in this Agreement unless and until such party has received written notice from the other party of such default and the party receiving such written notice has failed to cure such default within five (5) business days after the receipt of such notice if a monetary default or a failure to make a delivery of any of the documents described in Section 8.3, and within thirty (30) days after receipt of such notice if any other default is non-monetary, and the nature of the default is such that the same cannot reasonably be cured within such thirty (30) day period, such party shall not be deemed to be in default if it diligently commences to cure the default within such thirty (30) day period and thereafter diligently proceeds to rectify and cure the default as soon as possible.

Section 9.24 Seller's Acquisition of the Property. Buyer hereby acknowledges and agrees that as of the Effective Date Seller does not own the Property, and that Seller's obligation to close hereunder is conditioned upon Seller's acquisition of the Property and that Seller shall not be in default hereunder if Seller fails to acquire all or any portion of the Property for any reason whatsoever.

The parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the respective dates written below.

	SELLER:	HEADLANDS REALTY CORPORATION, a Maryland corporation
		By:/s/ Drew SmithName:Drew SmithIts:Vice President
Date:	9/14/06	
	BUYER:	FORWARD AIR, INC. , a Tennessee corporation
Date:	9/14/06	By:/s/ Matthew J. JewellName:Matthew J. JewellIts:SVP & General Counsel
[Partie	s must also initial Section 1.2(b)(ii)]	
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CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PURSUANT TO EXCHANGE ACT RULE 13a-14(a) (17 CFR 240.13a-14(a))

I, Bruce A. Campbell, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of Forward Air Corporation;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:

(a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;

(b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

(c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and

(d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, t o the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

(a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

(b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 3, 2006

/s/ Bruce A. Campbell

Bruce A. Campbell President and Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER PURSUANT TO EXCHANGE ACT RULE 13a-14(a) (17 CFR 240.13a-14(a))

I, Rodney L. Bell, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of Forward Air Corporation;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:

(a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;

(b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

(c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and

(d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, t o the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

(a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

(b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 3, 2006

/s/ Rodney L. Bell

Rodney L. Bell Chief Financial Officer, Senior Vice President and Treasurer

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Forward Air Corporation (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2006 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 3, 2006 (the "Report"), I, Bruce A. Campbell, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- 1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- 2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: November 3, 2006

/s/ Bruce A. Campbell

Bruce A. Campbell President and Chief Executive Officer

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Forward Air Corporation and will be retained by Forward Air Corporation and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Forward Air Corporation (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2006 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 3, 2006 (the "Report"), I, Rodney L. Bell, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- 1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- 2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: November 3, 2006

/s/ Rodney L. Bell

Rodney L. Bell Chief Financial Officer, Senior Vice President and Treasurer

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Forward Air Corporation and will be retained by Forward Air Corporation and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.