UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 8, 2010 (February 8, 2010)

	Fe	ORWARD AIR CORPORATION	
	(Exact na	me of registrant as specified in its c	harter)
	Tennessee	000-22490	62-1120025
	(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
	430 Airport Road Greeneville, Tennessee	_	37745
	(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)
	Registrant's teleph	hone number, including area code:	(423) 636-7000
	<u></u>	Not Applicable	
	(Former name	or former address, if changed since	last report)
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SECTION 2. FINANCIAL INFORMATION.

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

Attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference is a copy of a press release, dated February 8, 2010, announcing the financial results of Forward Air Corporation for the quarter and fiscal year ended December 31, 2009.

SECTION 9. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d)Exhibits. The following exhibit is being furnished as part of this Report.

No.	Exhibit
99.1	Press Release of Forward Air Corporation dated February 8, 2010.
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SIGNATURE

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 hereunto duly authorized.

FORWARD AIR CORPORATION

By: /s/ Rodney L. Bell Rodney L. Bell Date: February 8, 2010

Chief Financial Officer, Senior Vice President and

Treasurer

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Exhibit 99.1

FORWARD AIR CORPORATION REPORTS FOURTH QUARTER AND FISCAL 2009 RESULTS

GREENEVILLE, Tenn.—(BUSINESS WIRE) – February 8, 2010—Forward Air Corporation (NASDAQ:FWRD) today reported results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2009.

Operating revenue for the quarter ended December 31, 2009 decreased 4.4% to \$118.0 million from \$123.4 million for the same quarter in 2008. Income from operations was \$12.3 million, compared with \$14.0 million for the fourth quarter of 2008, a decrease of 12.1%. As a percent of operating revenue, income from operations decreased to 10.4% from 11.3% for the same quarter last year. Net income during the period decreased by \$1.9 million, or 22.9%, to \$6.4 million from \$8.3 million in the fourth quarter of 2008. Net income per diluted share for the fourth quarter of 2009 was \$0.22 compared with \$0.29 in the same quarter in 2008, a decrease of 24.1%.

Operating revenue for the year ended December 31, 2009 decreased 12.0% to \$417.4 million from \$474.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2008. Income from operations, which includes a first quarter non-cash, pre-tax charge of \$7.2 million primarily for goodwill impairment related to the Company's Forward Air Solutions segment, was \$18.8 million, compared with \$70.3 million in 2008. Including the impact of the goodwill impairment, the Company's net income for the year ended December 31, 2009, was \$9.9 million, compared with \$42.5 million in 2008. Net income per diluted share for the year ended December 31, 2009 was \$0.34 compared with \$1.47 in 2008.

Bruce A. Campbell, Chairman, President, and CEO, said, "We are pleased with our fourth quarter results which provided an encouraging finish to a year of unprecedented challenges. This quarter's performance validated the positive leverage and earnings power of our model as illustrated by our airport-to-airport segment generating \$5.6 million of additional operating income on \$14.9 million in additional operating revenue when compared to the third quarter of 2009. We were also pleased to see our Solutions segment return to being a solid earnings contributor despite the continuing struggles of the specialty retail sector."

Commenting further, Mr. Campbell said, "Although we were encouraged by the trends that started at the end of the third quarter and which continued throughout the fourth quarter, we remain very cautious, yet optimistic, in our outlook for 2010. Our yield, while stabilized, continues to suffer from competitive pricing which we expect to continue until such time as capacity is taken out of the market or demand increases from an improved economy."

In closing Mr. Campbell said, "I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the significant contributions and sacrifices of our team of employees and independent contractors who managed to do more with less in 2009. We are all looking forward to taking lessons learned this past year and applying them in 2010 to produce the superior margins and returns our shareholders have come to expect from Forward Air."

In commenting further on the fourth quarter, Rodney L. Bell, Senior Vice President and CFO, said "We produced very solid cash flows during the quarter with \$19.5 million from operations compared with \$21.2 in the fourth quarter of 2008. For the year, cash flow from operations was \$50.2 million compared to \$59.1 million last year. We increased our cash position during 2009 by \$20.0 million to \$42.0 million at year end."

Commenting further, Mr. Bell said, "Assuming no changes in the current economic environment, we anticipate first quarter 2010 revenues to increase in the range of 6 to 10% over the prior year first quarter, and expect income per diluted share to be between \$0.08 and \$0.12 per share."

Review of Financial Results

Forward Air will hold a conference call to discuss fourth quarter 2009 results on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. EST. The Company's conference call will be available online at www.forwardair.com or by dialing 800-841-9385. A replay of the conference call will be available at www.forwardair.com beginning shortly after the completion of the live call.

About Forward Air Corporation

Forward Air Corporation operates two business segments, Forward Air, Inc. and Forward Air Solutions, Inc.

Forward Air, Inc. is a high-service-level contractor to the air cargo industry providing time-definite ground transportation services through a network of terminals located on or near major airports in 84 cities in the United States and Canada. It provides these services as a cost-effective alternative to air transportation of cargo that must be delivered at a specific time but is relatively less time-sensitive than traditional air freight or when air transportation is not economical.

Forward Air Solutions, Inc. is a provider of pool distribution services. Pool distribution involves the consolidation and shipment of several smaller less-than-truckload shipments to a common area or region. Once at the regional destination, the loads are deconsolidated, then grouped with other shipments with common delivery points, and delivered in a very precise, time-sensitive manner. Our pool distribution network consists of terminals and service locations in 19 cities within the Mid-Atlantic, Southeast, Midwest and Southwestern United States.

Forward Air Corporation Consolidated Condensed Statements of Income (In thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

	Three months ended		Year ended				
		ecember	ecember	D	ecember	D	ecember
		31,	31,		31,		31,
		2009	2008		2009		2008
Operating revenue:							
Forward Air							
Airport-to-airport	\$	73,338	\$ 77,713	\$	268,245	\$	334,860
Logistics		15,422	16,602		54,067		59,290
Other		6,100	6,669		23,076		25,133
Forward Air Solutions							
Pool distribution		23,158	 22,468		72,022		55,153
Total operating revenue		118,018	123,452		417,410		474,436
Operating expenses:							
Purchased transportation							
Forward Air							
Airport-to-airport		30,509	30,358		112,516		128,785
Logistics		12,061	13,336		42,188		44,560
Other		1,553	1,500		5,234		6,425
Forward Air Solutions							
Pool distribution		4,715	3,551		14,490		9,315
Total purchased transportation		48,838	48,745		174,428		189,085
Salaries, wages and employee benefits		31,735	32,149		118,568		116,504
Operating leases		6,853	7,485		27,294		24,403
Depreciation and amortization		5,035	4,785		19,722		16,615
Insurance and claims		2,735	2,409		9,719		8,099
Fuel expense		2,113	2,999		7,312		11,465
Other operating expenses		8,441	10,834		34,424		37,980
Impairment of goodwill and other intangible							
assets					7,157		
Total operating expenses		105,750	109,406		398,624		404,151
Income from operations		12,268	14,046		18,786		70,285
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Other income (expense):							
Interest expense		(202)	(396)		(670)		(1,236)
Other, net		20	37		69		362
Total other expense		(182)	(359)		(601)		(874)
Income before income taxes		12,086	 13,687		18,185		69,411
Income taxes		5,658	5,350		8,239		26,869
Net income	\$	6,428	\$ 8,337	\$	9,946	\$	42,542
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Net income per share:							
Basic	\$	0.22	\$ 0.29	\$	0.34	\$	1.48
Diluted	\$	0.22	\$ 0.29	\$	0.34	\$	1.47
Weighted average shares outstanding:							
Basic		28,943	28,889		28,928		28,808
Diluted		29,041	28,987		28,993		29,025
Dividends per share:	\$	0.07	\$ 0.07	\$	0.28	\$	0.28

Forward Air Corporation Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (In thousands) (Unaudited)

	D	31, 2009	31, 2008 (a)
Assets			
Current assets:			
Cash	\$	42,035	\$ 22,093
Accounts receivable, net		55,720	57,206
Other current assets		9,379	 12,290
Total current assets		107,134	91,589
Property and equipment		204,716	186,377
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization		75,990	63,401
Total property and equipment, net		128,726	122,976
Goodwill and other acquired intangibles:			
Goodwill		43,332	50,230
Other acquired intangibles, net		35,849	40,708
Total goodwill and other acquired intangibles		79,181	90,938
Other assets		1,597	2,024
Total assets	\$	316,638	\$ 307,527
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$	10,333	\$ 11,633
Accrued expenses		18,295	12,927
Current portion of debt and capital lease obligations		919	1,602
Total current liabilities		29,547	26,162
Debt and capital lease obligations, less current portion		52,169	53,035
Other long-term liabilities		4,485	3,055
Deferred income taxes		5,786	8,841
Shareholders' equity:			
Common stock		290	289
Additional paid-in capital		16,631	10,249
Retained earnings		207,730	205,896
Total shareholders' equity		224,651	216,434
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	316,638	\$ 307,527

⁽a) Taken from audited financial statements, which are not presented in their entirety.

Forward Air Corporation Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (In thousands) (Unaudited)

	Three Mor December 31, 2009	December 31, 2008
Operating activities:	2007	2000
Net income	\$ 6,428	\$ 8,337
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities	·	Í
Depreciation and amortization	5,035	4,785
Share-based compensation	1,732	1,695
Gain on disposal of property and equipment	7	135
Provision for loss on receivables	14	658
Provision for revenue adjustments	474	986
Deferred income taxes	(1,110)	516
Tax expense for stock options exercised	371	118
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions		
Accounts receivable	(3,214)	13,716
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	2,115	(170)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	7,620	(9,715)
Net cash provided by operating activities	19,472	21,061
Investing activities:		
Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment	39	41
Purchases of property and equipment	(2,019)	(14,019)
Acquisition of businesses		(267)
Other	(33)	157
Net cash used in investing activities	(2,013)	(14,088)
Financing activities:		
Payments of debt and capital lease obligations	(386)	(431)
Payments of cash dividends	(2,028)	(2,027)
Common stock issued under employee stock purchase plan	138	110
Cash settlement of share-based awards for minimum tax withholdings	(7)	(5)
Tax expense for stock options exercised	(371)	(118)
Net cash used in financing activities	(2,654)	(2,471)
Net increase in cash	14,805	4,502
Cash at beginning of period	27,230	17,591
Cash at end of period	\$ 42,035	\$ 22,093

Forward Air Corporation Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (In thousands) (Unaudited)

	Year ended			d
	December 31, 2009			cember 31, 2008
Operating activities:				
Net income	\$	9,946	\$	42,542
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by				
operating activities				
Depreciation and amortization		19,722		16,615
Impairment of goodwill and other intangible assets		7,157		
Share-based compensation		6,754		6,267
(Gain) loss on disposal of property and equipment		(6)		171
Provision for (recovery) loss on receivables		(60)		903
Provision for revenue adjustments		2,390		4,259
Deferred income taxes		(4,119)		1,151
Tax expense (benefit) for stock options exercised		370		(1,030)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions				
Accounts receivable		(844)		(2,376)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		548		(2,102)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		8,321		(7,317)
Net cash provided by operating activities		50,179		59,083
Investing activities:				
Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment		270		87
Purchases of property and equipment		(20,847)		(26,699)
Acquisition of businesses				(29,566)
Other		372		(10)
Net cash used in investing activities		(20,205)		(56,188)
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Financing activities:				
Payments of debt and capital lease obligations		(1,549)		(1,603)
Borrowings on line of credit				45,000
Payments on line of credit				(25,000)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options		8		3,085
Payments of cash dividends		(8,109)		(8,089)
Common stock issued under employee stock purchase plan		237		255
Cash settlement of share-based awards for minimum tax withholdings		(249)		(389)
Tax (expense) benefit for stock options exercised		(370)		1,030
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities		(10,032)		14,289
Net increase in cash		19,942		17,184
Cash at beginning of period		22,093		4,909
Cash at end of period	\$	42,035	\$	22,093

Forward Air Corporation Segment Information (In millions) (Unaudited)

	Three months ended						
	December		December				
	31, 2009	Percent of Revenue	31, 2008	Percent of Revenue	Change	Percent Change	
Operating revenue							
Forward Air	\$ 95.1	80.6% \$	5 101.4	82.2%	\$ (6.3)	(6.2)%	
FASI	23.3	19.7	22.5	18.2	0.8	3.6	
Intercompany							
Eliminations	(0.4)	(0.3)	(0.5)	(0.4)	0.1	(20.0)	
Total	118.0	100.0	123.4	100.0	(5.4)	(4.4)	
Purchased							
transportation							
Forward Air	44.2	46.5	45.3	44.7	(1.1)	(2.4)	
FASI	5.0	21.4	3.9	17.3	1.1	28.2	
Intercompany							
Eliminations	(0.4)	100.0	(0.5)	100.0	0.1	(20.0)	
Total	48.8	41.4	48.7	39.5	0.1	0.2	
Salaries, wages and employee benefits							
Forward Air	22.4	23.6	22.2	21.9	0.2	0.9	
FASI	9.3	39.9	9.9	44.0	(0.6)	(6.1)	
Total	31.7	26.9	32.1	26.0	(0.4)	(1.2)	
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Operating leases Forward Air	4.6	4.8	4.9	4.8	(0.2)	(6.1)	
Forward Air FASI	2.3	4.8 9.9	2.6	4.8 11.6	(0.3)	(6.1) (11.5)	
Total	6.9	5.8	7.5	6.1	(0.5)	$\frac{(11.3)}{(8.0)}$	
Depreciation and							
amortization							
Forward Air	4.1	4.3	3.8	3.7	0.3	7.9	
FASI	0.9	3.9 4.2	1.0	4.4	(0.1)	(10.0)	
Total	5.0	4.2	4.8	3.9	0.2	4.2	
Insurance and claims							
Forward Air	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.2	(0.1)	(4.5)	
FASI	0.7	3.0	0.2	0.9	0.5	250.0	
Total	2.8	2.4	2.4	2.0	0.4	16.7	
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Fuel expense Forward Air	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.0	(0.2)	(20.0)	
FASI	1.3	5.6	2.0	8.9	(0.2)	(35.0)	
Total	2.1	1.8	3.0	2.4	(0.9)	(30.0)	
Other operating							
expenses Forward Air	6.6	7.0	8.5	8.4	(1.0)	(22.4)	
FASI	1.8	7.0	2.4	10.7	(1.9) (0.6)	(25.4)	
Total	8.4	7.1	10.9	8.8	(2.5)	(22.9)	
Income from							
operations	10.2	10.0	12.7	12.2	(2.0)	(22.7)	
Forward Air FASI	10.3	10.8 8.6	13.5	13.3 2.2	(3.2)	(23.7) 300.0	
Total	\$ 12.3	10.4%	0.5 3 14.0	11.3%	1.5 \$ (1.7)	(12.1)%	
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Forward Air Corporation Segment Information (In millions) (Unaudited

	Year ended							
	December 31, 2009	Percent of Revenue	December 31, 2008	Percent of Revenue	Change	Percent Change		
Operating revenue								
Forward Air	\$ 346.3	83.0%	\$ 421.2	88.8%	\$ (74.9)	(17.8)%		
FASI	72.5	17.4	55.3	11.6	17.2	31.1		
Intercompany								
Eliminations	(1.4)	(0.4)	(2.1)	(0.4)	0.7	(33.3)		
Total	417.4	100.0	474.4	100.0	(57.0)	(12.0)		
Total	117.1	100.0		100.0	(37.0)	(12.0)		
Purchased								
transportation								
Forward Air	160.3	46.3	179.9	42.7	(19.6)	(10.9)		
FASI	15.4	21.2	11.2	20.2	4.2	37.5		
	13.4	21.2	11.2	20.2	4.2	37.3		
Intercompany Eliminations	(1.2)	92.9	(2.1)	100.0	0.0	(20.1)		
	(1.3)				0.8	(38.1)		
Total	174.4	41.8	189.0	39.9	(14.6)	(7.7)		
Salaries, wages and employee benefits								
Forward Air	85.5	24.7	92.5	22.0	(7.0)	(7.6)		
FASI	33.1	45.6	24.0	43.4	9.1	37.9		
Total	118.6	28.4	116.5	24.6	2.1	1.8		
Operating leases								
Forward Air	18.7	5.4	18.5	4.4	0.2	1.1		
FASI	8.6	11.9	5.9	10.7	2.7	45.8		
Total	27.3	6.5	24.4	5.1	2.9	11.9		
Depreciation and amortization								
Forward Air	16.1	4.6	14.4	3.4	1.7	11.8		
FASI	3.6	5.0	2.2	4.0	1.4	63.6		
Total	19.7	4.7	16.6	3.5	3.1	18.7		
Insurance and claims								
Forward Air	7.6	2.2	7.3	1.7	0.3	4.1		
FASI	2.1	2.9	0.8	1.4	1.3	162.5		
Total	9.7	2.3	8.1	1.7	1.6	19.8		
Fuel expense								
Forward Air	3.1	0.9	5.8	1.4	(2.7)	(46.6)		
FASI	4.2	5.8	5.7	10.3	(1.5)	(26.3)		
Total	7.3	1.8	11.5	2.4	(4.2)	(36.5)		
Other operating								
expenses								
Forward Air	27.7	8.0	32.1	7.6	(4.4)	(13.7)		
FASI	6.8	9.4	5.9	10.7	0.9	15.3		
Intercompany								
Eliminations	(0.1)	7.1			(0.1)	100.0		
Total	34.4	8.3	38.0	8.0	(3.6)	(9.5)		
Impairment of goodwill								
and other intangible								
assets								
Forward Air	0.2	0.1			0.2	100.0		
FASI	7.0	9.6			7.0	100.0		
Total	7.2	1.7			7.2	100.0		
Income (loss) from								

operations						
Forward Air	27.1	7.8	70.7	16.8	(43.6)	(61.7)
FASI	(8.3)	(11.4)	(0.4)	(0.7)	(7.9)	1,975.0
Total	\$ 18.8	4.5% \$	70.3	14.8% \$	(51.5)	(73.3)%

Forward Air Corporation Forward Air Inc. Operating Statistics

	Thre	e months ende	ed	Year ended			
	December 31, 2009	December 31, 2008	Percent Change	December 31, 2009	December 31, 2008	Percent Change	
Operating ratio	89.2%	86.7%	(2.9)%	92.2%	83.2%	(10.8)%	
Business days	64.0	63.0	1.6 %	255.0	255.0		
Business weeks	12.8	12.6	1.6 %	51.0	51.0		
Airport-to-airport:							
Tonnage							
Total pounds 1	398,921	407,162	(2.0)	1,452,969	1,743,963	(16.7)	
Average weekly pounds ¹	31,166	32,314	(3.6)	28,490	34,195	(16.7)	
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Linehaul shipments	565,000	557.260	1.6	2.005.222	2 205 200	(0.7)	
Total linehaul	565,922	557,260	1.6	2,095,223	2,295,299	(8.7)	
Average weekly	44,213	44,227	(0.1)	41,083	45,006	(8.7)	
Forward Air Complete							
shipments	71,442	56,930	25.5	266,136	202,382	31.5	
As a percentage of	, 1,	20,220	20.0	200,120	202,502	01.0	
linehaul shipments	12.6%	10.2%	23.5	12.7%	8.8%	44.3	
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Average linehaul	705	731	(2.5)	693	760	(9.9)	
shipment size	703	/31	(3.5)	093	700	(8.8)	
Revenue per pound ²							
Linehaul yield	15.84	16.52	(3.5)	16.06	16.55	(2.5)	
Fuel surcharge impact		1.43	(2.5)	0.84	1.72	(4.6)	
Forward Air			,			()	
Complete impact	1.62	1.21	2.1	1.60	1.01	3.1	
Total airport-to-airport							
yield	18.42	19.16	(3.9)	18.50	19.28	(4.0)	
Logistics:							
Miles							
Owner operator 1	6,421	5,408	18.7	24,338	18,840	29.2	
Third party 1	3,220	4,605	(30.1)	9,929	15,660	(36.6)	
Total Miles	9,641	10,013	(3.7)	34,267	34,500	(0.7)	
Revenue per mile	\$ 1.62	\$ 1.69	(4.1)	\$ 1.59	\$ 1.74	(8.6)	
Cost per mile	\$ 1.25	\$ 1.33	(6.0)%	\$ 1.23	\$ 1.29	(4.7)%	

¹ - In thousands
² - In cents per pound; percentage change is expressed as a percent of total yield.

Important Information

This press release 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 forward-looking 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 forward-looking 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.

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