

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): January 19, 2011 (January 19, 2011)

FORWARD AIR CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<u>Tennessee</u> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	000-22490 (Commission File Number)	<u>62-1120025</u> (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
<u>430 Airport Road Greeneville, Tennessee</u> (Address of principal executive offices)		<u>37745</u> (Zip Code)

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

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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SECTION 5. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT.

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

The Company's Board of Directors has elected Ron W. Allen and Larry D. Leinweber to its Board of Directors, effective January 19, 2011.

Mr. Allen has been a Director of The Coca-Cola Company since 1991. Mr. Allen is an Advisory Director of Delta Air Lines, Inc., a major U.S. air transportation company. From July 1997 through July 2005, Mr. Allen was a consultant to and an Advisory Director of Delta. He retired as Delta's Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer in July 1997. He is a Director of Aaron's, Inc., Aircastle Limited, and Guided Therapeutics, Inc.

Mr. Leinweber is President and Chief Executive Officer of New World Systems, where he is responsible for product strategy, strategic direction, and organization development. Mr. Leinweber has over 30 years of executive management and operations management experience in the software and technology industry.

There are no arrangements or understandings between Mr. Allen and Mr. Leinweber and any other persons pursuant to which Mr. Allen and Mr. Leinweber were selected as directors. There have been no transactions since the beginning of the Company's last fiscal year, or any currently proposed transaction, in which the Company was or is to be a participant, in which the amount involved exceeds \$120,000, and in which Mr. Allen and Mr. Leinweber have, or will have, a direct or indirect material interest. Mr. Allen and Mr. Leinweber do not have any family relationship with any director, executive officer or person nominated or chosen by the Company to become a director or an executive officer. The Board has determined that Mr. Allen and Mr. Leinweber are independent directors under applicable NASDAQ rules.

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 January 19, 2011

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 hereunto duly authorized.

FORWARD AIR
CORPORATION

Date: January 19,
2011

By: /s/ Matthew J. Jewell
Matthew J. Jewell
Executive Vice President, Chief
Legal Officer and Secretary

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NEWS RELEASE

FORWARD AIR CORPORATION ANNOUNCES ELECTION OF RON W. ALLEN AND LARRY D. LEINWEBER AS NEW INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS

GREENEVILLE, Tenn. — (BUSINESS WIRE) — January 19, 2011 — Forward Air Corporation (NASDAQ:FWRD) has elected Ron W. Allen and Larry D. Leinweber as non-management directors of its Board of Directors. The Company's Board now consists of ten members, nine of whom are non-management directors.

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Bruce A. Campbell, Chairman, President and C.E.O. of the Company, commented, "We are very pleased to have the opportunity to add two directors with Ron's and Larry's impressive experience, talents and backgrounds to our Board. We welcome their contributions to the Forward Air team."

About Forward Air

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.

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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