

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): October 27, 2003

FORWARD AIR CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

Not Applicable

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

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Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

The following exhibit is furnished pursuant to Item 9 of Form 8-K:

99.1 Press Release dated October 27, 2003.

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

The Registrant announced that it has filed a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission for a secondary offering of 2,200,000 shares of its common stock to be sold by Scott M. Niswonger, Chairman of the Registrant's Board of Directors. The offering will also include an option for the underwriters to purchase an additional 330,000 shares from the East Tennessee Foundation to cover over-allotments, if any. The Registrant's press release dated October 27, 2003 announcing the filing of the registration statement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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: October 27, 2003

By: /s/ Andrew C. Clarke

Andrew C. Clarke
Chief Financial Officer, Senior Vice
President and Treasurer

EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release issued October 27, 2003.

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NEWS RELEASE

Contact: Andrew C. Clarke
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FORWARD AIR CORPORATION FILES REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR SECONDARY OFFERING BY
SELLING SHAREHOLDER

GREENEVILLE, Tenn. (October 27, 2003) -- Forward Air Corporation (Nasdaq/NM:FWRD), a high-service-level contractor to the air cargo industry providing time-definite service in the United States and Canada, today announced that it has filed a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission for a secondary offering of 2,200,000 shares of its common stock. The shares will be sold by Scott M. Niswonger, Chairman of the Company's Board of Directors. The offering will also include an option for the underwriters to purchase an additional 330,000 shares from the East Tennessee Foundation to cover over-allotments, if any. The Company will receive no proceeds from this offering.

Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc. and Deutsche Bank Securities are serving as joint book-running managers and joint lead managers for the offering. BB&T Capital Markets is acting as a co-lead manager. When available, a copy of the prospectus relating to the offering may be obtained from: Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc., c/o Prospectus Department, 383 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10179; telephone (631) 254-7135 or by faxing requests to (631) 254-7268 or Deutsche Bank Securities, 60 Wall Street, 4th Floor, New York, New York 10005; telephone (212) 250-5600.

A registration statement relating to these securities has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission but has not yet become effective. These securities may not be sold nor may offers to buy be accepted prior to the time the registration statement becomes effective under the Securities Act of 1933. This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state or jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state or jurisdiction.

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