

# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <b>DRUM CRAIG A</b>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>FORWARD AIR CORP [FWRD]</b>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) _____ <b>Senior Vice President, Sales</b>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>02/08/2009</b>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
430 AIRPORT ROAD			(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
GREENEVILLE, TN 37745			(City) (State) (Zip)			<b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>		

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	02/12/2009		F(1)		1,288	D	\$ 0 (1)	8,311 (1)	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.87	02/08/2009		A		36,000	(2)	02/08/2016	Common Stock	36,000	\$ 0 (2)	36,000	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 31.65						(3)	02/11/2014	Common Stock	50,000		50,000	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.44						(4)	02/10/2015	Common Stock	22,500		22,500	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 28.9733						(5)	02/14/2015	Common Stock	56,250		56,250	D	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DRUM CRAIG A 430 AIRPORT ROAD GREENEVILLE, TN 37745			Senior Vice President, Sales	

## Signatures

/s/ Michael P. McLean, Attorney-in-Fact	02/17/2009
<small>Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Restricted stock withheld by Issuer to satisfy tax withholding obligation on vesting of restricted stock.

(2) This is a vesting schedule, 33-1/3% over 3 years commencing on 2/8/10.

(3) This is a vesting schedule, 33-1/3% over 3 years, commencing 2/11/2008.

(4) This is a vesting schedule, 33-1/3% over 3 years, commencing 2/10/2009.

(5) This is a vesting schedule, 33-1/3% over 3 years, commencing 2/14/2006.

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