Instruction 1(b).

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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Print or Type Responses)  1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DRUM CRAIG A		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FORWARD AIR CORP [FWRD]						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner			
430 AIRPORT ROAD (First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest '04/26/2011	t Transaction (Month/Day/Year)					X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  Senior Vice President, Sales			
(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person			
GREENEVILLE, TN 37745								Form filed by More than One Reporting Pe	erson		
(City) (State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			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)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	(and 7)	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	04/26/2011		M		27,239	A	\$ 28.9733	29,461	D		
Common Stock	04/26/2011		S		30	D	\$ 34.13	29,431	D		
Common Stock	04/26/2011		S		100	D	\$ 34.06	29,331	D		
Common Stock	04/26/2011		S		100	D	\$ 34.05	29,231	D		
Common Stock	04/26/2011		S		200	D	\$ 34.09	29,031	D		
Common Stock	04/26/2011		S		200	D	\$ 34.08	28,831	D		
Common Stock	04/26/2011		S		300	D	\$ 34.04	28,531	D		
Common Stock	04/26/2011		S		810	D	\$ 34.03	27,721	D		
Common Stock	04/26/2011		S		848	D	\$ 34.01	26,873	D		
Common Stock	04/26/2011		S		961	D	\$ 34.12	25,912	D		
Common Stock	04/26/2011		S		1,079	D	\$ 34.1	24,833	D		
Common Stock	04/26/2011		S		1,511	D	\$ 34.11	23,322	D		
Common Stock	04/26/2011		S		2,850	D	\$ 34.02	20,472	D		
Common Stock	04/26/2011		S		18,250	D	\$ 34	2,222	D		
Common Stock	04/27/2011		M		561	A	\$ 28.9733	2,783	D		
Common Stock	04/27/2011		S		100	D	\$ 34.03	2,683	D		
Common Stock	04/27/2011		S		461	D	\$ 34	2,222	D		
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(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of 6. Date Exercisable and 9. Number of 3. Transaction 3A. Deemed 5. Number 7. Title and 8. Price of 11. Nature 10. Derivative Execution Date, if Transaction of Expiration Date Derivative Conversion Amount of Derivative Ownership of Indirect Date (Month/Day/Year) Code Security or Exercise Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Underlying Security Securities Form of Beneficial any (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Securities Beneficially Ownership Price of Securities (Instr. 5) Derivative Derivative Acquired (Instr. 3 and 4) Owned Security: (Instr. 4) Direct (D) Security (A) or Following Disposed of Reported or Indirect (D) Transaction(s) (I) (Instr. 3, 4, (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) and 5) Amount Expiration Title Number Exercisable Date of Code (D) Shares Stock Option Common (1) 04/26/2011 27,239 02/14/2015 27,239 29,011 D M \$ 0 28.9733 (Right to Stock Buy) Stock Option \$ Common (1) 02/14/2015 04/27/2011 M 561 561 \$ 0 28,450 D (Right to 28.9733 Buy)

### **Reporting Owners**

D ( O N /411	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
DRUM CRAIG A							
430 AIRPORT ROAD			Senior Vice President, Sales				
GREENEVILLE, TN 37745							

## **Signatures**

/s/ Michael P. McLean, Attorney-in-Fact	04/28/2011	
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date	

# **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) These options vest 33-1/3% each year over a three year period commencing on 2/14/06.

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