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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Ty	pe Response	es)														
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *- RUBLE CHRIS C				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FORWARD AIR CORP [FWRD]						5	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 430 AIRPORT ROAD				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/16/2012							Director 10% Owner X_Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Executive VP, Operations					
(Street) GREENEVILLE, TN 37745				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 _Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City		(State)	(Zip)			Table	e I - N	on-Deri	vative Se	ecuritie	s Acquir	ed. Disnose	d of, or Bei	neficially Ov	vned	
1.Title of Security 2. Trai (Instr. 3) Date		Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any		if Co	3. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)					5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)  6. Ownership Form:		Beneficial			
				(Month/Day/Year)			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)		(Instr. 3 and	4)		Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
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				Code			D	ate xercisabl	Expira e Date	ation	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option	\$ 22.47	08/16/2012		М		1.	43	<u>(2)</u>	02/07	7/2017	Commo	on 143	\$ 0	49,857	D	

# **Reporting Owners**

\$ 22.47

(Right to

Buy)

D	Relationships							
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
RUBLE CHRIS C 430 AIRPORT ROAD GREENEVILLE, TN 37745			Executive VP, Operations					

# **Signatures**

/s/ Michael P. McLean, Attorney-in-Fact	08/17/2012
**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) Includes 44.7612 shares acquired under the Issuer's employee stock purchase plan in June 2012.
- (2) This option vests 33-1/3% each year over a three year period commencing on 2/7/11.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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