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 Ro CAMPBELL BRUCE	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FORWARD AIR CORP [FWRD]						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner					
430 AIRPORT ROAD	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/28/2013						X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chairman, President & CEO			
GREENEVILLE, TN 3	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 I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)		Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	(Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Amount (D) Price))	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership	
Common Stock		01/28/2013		М		172,453	А	\$ 13.2467	292,142	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	2. Conversion		3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transact				 Date Exer Expiration I 		7. Title and of Underly		8. Price of Derivative	9. Number of Derivative	10. Ownership	11. Nature of Indirect
	or Exercise Price of	(Month/Day/Year)	· · · · · ·	Code	8) Securities Acquired (A)		(Month/Day/Year)		Securities		Security (Instr. 5)	Securities Beneficially	Form of Derivative	Beneficial Ownership	
	Derivative Security					of (tr. 3, 4,					Following Reported Transaction(s)	Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	(Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.2467	01/28/2013		М			172,453	<u>(1)</u>	02/07/2013	Common Stock	172,453	\$ 0	0	D	

Reporting Owners

	Relationships								
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other					
CAMPBELL BRUCE A 430 AIRPORT ROAD GREENEVILLE, TN 37745	Х		Chairman, President & CEO						

Signatures

/s/ Michael P. McLean, Attorney-in-Fact	01/29/2013
**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).
- At the time of grant, this option was scheduled to vest 25% each year over a four year period commencing on 2/7/04. As of 12/31/05, all options then outstanding became fully (1) exercisable as a result of the Board of Directors accelerating the vesting of all outstanding stock options awarded to employees, officers and non-employee directors under the Company's stock option award plans.

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