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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *- CAMPBELL BRUCE A				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 _X_ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chairman, President & CEO  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 430 AIRPORT ROAD				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/07/2013													
(Street)				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)													
GREENE	EVILLE, T	N 37745											Form filed by	More than One	Reporting Person	1	
(City	y)	(State)		(Zip)			Tab	le I -	Non-D	erivat	ive Securitie	s Acqui	red, Dispose	d of, or Ben	eficially Ow	ned	
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Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Date (Month/Day/Year)		xecution Date, in ny Month/Day/Year	Code		of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			Amou Under Securi (Instr.	lying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4)	Ownersh Form of Derivativ Security Direct (I or Indire s) (I) (Instr. 4)	Benefici Ownersl (Instr. 4)
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Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.14	02/07/20	013		Code	V	Dispose (D) (Instr. 3	(D)				Come	or Number of Shares		Reported Transaction	(s) (I)	
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Option (Right to Buy)  Report  Reporting	rting O	wners		r 10% Owner	A		Dispose (D) (Instr. 3 and 5) (A) 24,486	(D)	Exerci		Date 02/07/2020	Comi	or Number of Shares		Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	(s) (I) (Instr. 4)	

## **Signatures**

/s/ Michael P. McLean, Attorney-in-Fact	02/11/2013
**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).
- (1) Award of time-vesting restricted stock under the Forward Air Corporation Amended and Restated Stock Option and Incentive Plan in a transaction exempt from Section 16(b) under Rule 16b-3. The stock vests equally in one-third increments over three years commencing 2/7/14 and fully vesting on 2/7/16.
- (2) This option vests 33-1/3% each year over a three year period commencing on 2/7/14 but is subject to the satisfaction of certain performance conditions. The options will be forfeited if the applicable performance conditions have not been met by the third anniversary of the grant date.

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