UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 28, 2026

FORWARD AIR CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	**62-1120025**
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
3200 Olympus Boulevard, Suite 300, Dallas, Texas	**75019**
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

000-22490

(Commission File Number)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(817) 552-5270**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	**Trading Symbol(s)**	**Name of each exchange on which registered**
Common Stock, $0.01 par value	FWRD	NASDAQ

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company ☐

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On October 28, 2026, Forward Air Corporation issued a press release announcing its entry into a definitive transition agreement with one of its largest customers.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

No.	Exhibit
99.1	Press Release dated October 28, 2026
104	Cover Page Interactive File (the cover page tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FORWARD AIR CORPORATION

Date: October 28, 2026

By: /s/ Shawn Stewart
Name: Shawn Stewart
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

Forward Air Announces Two-Year Definitive Agreement to Retain Significant Portion of Previously Disclosed Customer Relationship

2026 to 2028 Forecasted Annual Revenue from Customer Expected to Exceed 2025 Revenue Driven by Growth in Retained Services

DALLAS – October 28, 2026 – Forward Air Corporation (NASDAQ: FWRD) (the "Company," "Forward," "we," "our," or "us") today announced that it has entered into a definitive agreement ("the Agreement") with one of its largest customers (the "Customer") under which the Customer has agreed to continue utilizing the Company for a significant portion of the services currently provided for a two-year term. The Agreement also provides for the orderly transition of certain services currently provided to the Customer, which is expected to occur between November 2026 and March 2027. The transition is not expected to materially impact Forward's revenue in 2026.

The revenue from the retained services that the Company provides the Customer has continued to grow throughout 2026 and is expected to continue growing in 2027. The Company expects annual revenue in each contract year of 2026, 2027 and 2028 (the contract period) to exceed the Customer's total revenue contribution in 2025.

Shawn Stewart, President & Chief Executive Officer, said, "We are pleased to finalize this Agreement and believe it reflects the strength of our longstanding 20-year partnership and the exceptional service our team continues to provide. By signing this Agreement, we should bring both greater visibility and predictability to our business and the associated profitability and resulting cash flow."

About Forward Air Corporation

Forward Air is a leading asset-light provider of transportation services across the United States, Canada and Latin America. We provide expedited less-than-truckload services, including local pick-up and delivery, shipment consolidation/deconsolidation, warehousing, and customs brokerage by utilizing a comprehensive national network of terminals. In addition, we offer truckload brokerage services, including dedicated fleet services, and intermodal, first and last-mile, high-value drayage services, both to and from seaports and railheads, dedicated contract and Container Freight Station warehouse and handling services. Forward also operates a full portfolio of multimodal solutions, both domestically and internationally, via Omni Logistics. Omni Logistics is a global provider of air, ocean and ground services for mission-critical freight. We are more than a transportation company. Forward is a single resource for your shipping needs. For more information, visit our website at www.forwardaircorp.com.

Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This communication contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements can be identified by words such as: "anticipate," "intend," "plan," "goal," "seek," "believe," "project," "estimate," "expect," "strategy," "future," "likely," "may," "should," "will" and similar references to future periods. Forward-looking statements included in this communication relate to expectations regarding the Company's ability to achieve the intended benefits of the Agreement and the Company's expectations regarding the Company's future financial and operational results, including due to the impact that the Agreement may have on the business and results of operations of the Company.

Forward-looking statements are neither historical facts nor assurances of future performance. Instead, they are based only on our current beliefs, expectations and assumptions regarding the future of our business, future plans and strategies, projections, anticipated events and trends, the economy and other future conditions. Because forward-looking statements relate to the future, they are subject to inherent uncertainties, risks and changes in circumstances that are difficult to predict and many of which are outside of our control. Our actual results and financial condition may differ materially from those indicated in the forward-looking statements. Therefore, you should not unduly rely on any of these forward-looking statements. The following is a list of factors, among others, that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements: the Company's ability to achieve the intended benefits of the Agreement within the anticipated timeframe or at all and successfully renegotiate the Agreement within two years; economic factors such as tariffs, recessions, inflation, higher interest rates and downturns in customer business cycles, the outcome of our review of strategic alternatives, our ability to execute on a strategic sale of non-core assets, our ability to achieve ongoing strategic, financial and other benefits as we continue to transform our business after the acquisition of Omni Logistics, including the realization of expected synergies and the achievement of deleveraging targets within the expected timeframes or at all, the risk of customer loss, the risk of management and employee loss, the creditworthiness of our customers and their ability to pay for services rendered, our inability to maintain our historical growth rate because of a decreased volume of freight or decreased average revenue per pound of freight moving through our network, the availability and compensation of qualified Leased Capacity Providers and freight handlers as well as contracted, third-party carriers needed to serve our customers' transportation needs, our inability to manage our information systems and the occurrence of cybersecurity risks and events, market acceptance of our service offerings, claims for property damage, personal injuries or workers' compensation, enforcement of and changes in governmental regulations, environmental, tax, insurance and accounting matters, the handling of hazardous materials, changes in fuel prices, loss of a major customer, increasing competition and pricing pressure, our dependence on our senior management team and the potential effects of changes in employee status, seasonal trends, the occurrence of certain weather events, restrictions in our charter and bylaws, and the risks described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2025, and as may be identified in our subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K.

We caution readers that any forward-looking statement made by us in this communication is based only on information currently available to us and they should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which reflect management's opinion as of the date on which it is made. We undertake no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statement, whether written or oral, that may be made from time to time, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise, unless required by law.

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