FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| 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 Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/18/2015 | | | | X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Senior Vice President, Sales | | | | |
| GREENEVILLE, TN | (Street) 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 I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | Ownership of Ir | Beneficial |
| | | | (Month/Day/ 1 ear) | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | (mstr. 3 and 4) | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 1 |
| Common Stock | | 02/18/2015 | | M | | 1,556 | A | \$ 36.55 | 10,894 | D | |
| Common Stock | | 02/18/2015 | | M | | 2,938 | A | \$ 37.14 | 13,832 | D | |
| Common Stock | | 02/18/2015 | | M | | 1,337 | A | \$ 42.48 | 15,169 | D | |
| Common Stock | | 02/18/2015 | | S | | 5,534 | D | \$ 53.2801 | 9,635 | D | |
| Reminder: Report on a sep | arate line for ea | ach class of securitie | s beneficially owne | | Pers | sons wh | this f | orm are i | ne collection of information not required to respond unless a alid OMB control number. | | 1474 (9-02) |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of 7. Title and Amount 3. Transaction 3A. Deemed 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 8. Price of 9. Number of 10 11. Nature Derivative Execution Date, if Transaction of Underlying Conversion Date of Expiration Date Derivative Derivative Ownership of Indirect (Month/Day/Year) or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) Security Code Derivative Securities Security Securities Form of Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Beneficially Ownership (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 3) Price of Securities (Instr. 5) Derivative (Instr. 4) Derivative Acquired Owned Security: (A) or Following Direct (D) Security Disposed Reported or Indirect of (D) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3, 4 (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) and 5) Amount Date Expiration Title Exercisable Date Number V (A) Code (D) of Shares Stock Option Common \$ 36.55 02/18/2015 M 1,556 (1) 02/07/2019 1,556.00 \$ 0 0 D (Right to Stock Buy) Stock Option Common \$ 37.14 02/18/2015 2,938 02/07/2020 2,938.00 M \$ 0 1,469 D (Right to Stock Buy) Stock Option Common <u>(3)</u> 02/06/2021 \$ 42.48 02/18/2015 M 1,337 1,337.00 \$ 0 2,672 D (Right to Stock Buy)

Reporting Owners

| D | 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 | 02/19/2015 |
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| **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) This option vested 33-1/3% each year over a three year period commencing on 2/7/13.
- (2) This option vests 33-1/3% each year over a three year period commencing on 2/7/14.
- (3) This option vests 33-1/3% each year over a three year period commencing on 2/6/15.

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