# FORM 4

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Ty	pe Response	·s)															
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *- ADELAAR GLENN A				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FORWARD AIR CORP [FWRD]							l	5.	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1915 SNAPPS FERRY ROAD, BUILDING N				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/05/2018							ar)		X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  Senior VP, Systems Technology				
(Street)				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)							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				
GREENEVILLE, TN 37745 (City) (State) (Zip)				Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acou							curitie	es Acquire	ired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned				
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year				ate, if	Code		(	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		of (D) O 5) T			ed	Ownership Form:	Beneficial		
				(Month/Day/Ye		Y ear)	Co	de	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	, i	nstr. 3 and 4	4)			Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common	Common Stock 02/05/2018					A	١.		1,884 (1)	A	\$ 0 3	4,602.4507	7 (2)		D		
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion	erivative			f Transaction of Code Deriva		r ssed				7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 5) Benef Owne Follov Repor Trans		Ownersl Form of Derivati Security Direct (I or Indire	Ownersh (Instr. 4) O)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exerc	cisable	Expiration Date	on	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (Right to	\$ 58.40	02/05/2018		A		3,535			(3)	02/05/2	2025	Common Stock	3,535.00	\$ 0	3,535	D	

## **Reporting Owners**

	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	ector 10% Owner Officer		Other			
ADELAAR GLENN A 1915 SNAPPS FERRY ROAD BUILDING N GREENEVILLE, TN 37745			Senior VP, Systems Technology				

## **Signatures**

/s/ Michael L. Hance, Attorney-in-Fact	02/07/2018
**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 2016 Omnibus Incentive Compensation 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 2/5/19 and fully vesting on 2/5/21.
- (2) Includes 141.3741 shares acquired under the Issuer's employee stock purchase plan in June and December 2017.
- (3) This option vests 33-1/3% each year over a three year period commencing on 2/5/19.

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