

# 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 Reporting Person * McLean Michael P <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FORWARD AIR CORP [FWRD]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) VP & CAO		
430 AIRPORT ROAD <small>(Street)</small>			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/08/2009			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
GREENEVILLE, TN 37745 <small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small>			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	02/12/2009		F(1)		272	D	\$ 0 (1)	4,210 (1)	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 Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.87	02/08/2009		A		36,000	(2)	02/08/2016	Common Stock	36,000	\$ 0 (2)	36,000	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 31.65						(3)	02/11/2014	Common Stock	25,000		25,000	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.44						(4)	02/10/2015	Common Stock	22,500		22,500	D	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
McLean Michael P 430 AIRPORT ROAD GREENEVILLE, TN 37745			VP & CAO	

## Signatures

Michael P McLean	02/17/2009
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

## 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) Restricted stock withheld by Issuer to satisfy tax withholding obligation on vesting of restricted stock.

(2) This is a vesting schedule, 33-1/3% over 3 years commencing on 2/8/10.

(3) This is a vesting schedule, 33-1/3% over 3 years, commencing 2/11/2008.

(4) This is a vesting schedule, 33-1/3% over 3 years, commencing 2/10/2009.

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