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

FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the Quarterly Period Ended September 30, 2009 Commission File No. 000-22490

FORWARD AIR CORPORATION (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Tennessee (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 430 Airport Road Greeneville, Tennessee (Address of principal executive offices) 62-1120025 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

> 37745 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (423) 636-7000

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes x No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes o No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or

a smaller reporting company. See definition of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated	Accelerated filer x	Non-accelerated	Smaller reporting
filer o		filer o	company o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes o No x

The number of shares outstanding of the registrant's common stock, \$0.01 par value, as of October 28, 2009 was 28,970,300.

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Part I. Financial Information

Item 1. Financial Statements (Unaudited).

Forward Air Corporation Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts) (Unaudited)

	September 30, 2009	D	ecember 31, 2008 (a)
Assets			
Current assets:			
Cash	\$ 27,230	\$	22,093
Accounts receivable, less allowance of			
\$2,030 in 2009 and \$2,531 in 2008	52,993		57,206
Other current assets	14,145		12,290
Total current assets	94,368		91,589
Property and equipment	203,383		186,377
Less accumulated depreciation and			
amortization	72,976		63,401
Total property and equipment, net	130,407		122,976
Goodwill and other acquired intangibles:			
Goodwill	43,332		50,230
Other acquired intangibles, net of			
accumulated amortization of \$11,134 in			
2009			
and \$8,103 in 2008	36,997		40,708
Total goodwill and other acquired			
intangibles	80,329		90,938
Other assets	1,582		2,024
Total assets	\$ 306,686	\$	307,527
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 8,509	\$	11,633
Accrued expenses	16,057		12,927
Current portion of debt and capital			
lease obligations	1,072		1,602
Total current liabilities	25,638		26,162
Long-term debt and capital lease			
obligations, less current portion	52,404		53,035
Other long-term liabilities	3,749		3,055
Deferred income taxes	6,136		8,841
Shareholders' equity:			
Preferred stock			

Common stock, \$0.01 par value:				
Authorized shares – 50,000,000				
Issued and outstanding shares –				
28,942,882 in 2009 and 28,893,850 in				
2008	289		289	
Additional paid-in capital	15,139		10,249	
Retained earnings	203,331		205,896	
Total shareholders' equity	218,759		216,434	
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 306,686	\$	307,527	

(a) Taken from audited financial statements, which are not presented in their entirety.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Forward Air Corporation Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (In thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	September	September	September	September
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	2009	2008	2009	2008
Operating revenue:				
Forward Air				
Airport-to-airport	\$ 66,667	\$ 85,901	\$ 194,908	\$ 257,147
Logistics	13,172	15,597	38,645	42,688
Other	5,596	6,487	16,975	18,464
Forward Air Solutions				
Pool distribution	17,644	13,499	48,864	32,685
Total operating revenue	103,079	121,484	299,392	350,984