

Kennedy Bryan J
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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 *
Kennedy Bryan J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS
CORP [ADS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/21/2013

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP & President, Epsilon

PLANO, TX 75024

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/21/2013		A ⁽¹⁾	6,513 A <u>(1)</u>	117,162	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2013		F ⁽²⁾	6,483 D \$ 152.33	110,679	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2013		A ⁽³⁾	2,384 A <u>(3)</u>	113,063	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2013		A ⁽⁴⁾	9,538 A <u>(4)</u>	122,601	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2013		F ⁽²⁾	3,969 D \$ 153.07	118,632 ⁽⁵⁾	D	

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- (4) The new grant is for 9,538 shares of common stock represented by performance-based restricted stock units, which may be adjusted up or down at the time the performance restriction lapses. The restriction may lapse with respect to 33% of such shares on each of 2/21/14 and 2/23/15 and with respect to 34% of such shares on 2/21/16 contingent on meeting an EBT metric for 2013 and subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the vesting dates.

- (5) The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 80,913 unrestricted shares; (b) 1,504 unvested units from an award of 4,421 time-based restricted stock units granted 3/21/11; (c) 9,020 unvested units from an award of 26,528 performance-based restricted stock units granted 3/21/11; (d) 2,182 unvested units from an award of 3,256 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/12; (e) 13,091 unvested units from an award of 19,537 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/12; (f) the new grant for 2,384 time-based restricted stock units; and (g) the new grant for 9,538 performance-based restricted stock units.

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