

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Kennedy Bryan J		(Month/Day/Year)	ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP [ADS]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	02/02/2009	
17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
DALLAS,Â TXÂ 75252			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			EVP & President, Mktg. Svcs.	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	77,662 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (2)	11/17/2014	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 43.2	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (3)	02/13/2016	Common Stock	7,724	\$ 43.01	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (4)	02/21/2017	Common Stock	4,872	\$ 63.35	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Kennedy Bryan J 17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY DALLAS, TX 75252	Â	Â	Â EVP & President, Mktg. Svcs.	Â

## Signatures

Leigh Ann K. Epperson, Attorney  
in Fact 02/09/2009

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 9,174 unrestricted shares; (b) 1,100 unvested shares from an original award of 3,235 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/13/06; (c) 1,388 unvested shares from an original award of 2,071 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/07; (d) 36,300 unvested performance-based restricted stock units granted 4/28/08; and (e) 29,700 unvested time-based restricted stock units granted 4/28/08.
- (2) The option is for 15,000 shares granted 11/17/04, which is fully vested.
- (3) The option is for 7,724 shares granted 2/13/06, of which 5,097 shares are fully vested and 2,627 shares will vest on 2/13/09.
- (4) The option is for 4,872 shares granted 2/21/07, of which 1,607 shares are fully vested, 1,608 shares will vest on 2/21/09 and 1,657 shares will vest on 2/21/10.

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