

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP  
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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 \*  
**BALLOU ROGER H**

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/21/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

(Street)  
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	09/21/2012		M	A	\$ 24.03	15,671	D
Common Stock	09/21/2012		S	D	\$ 143.65	14,611 <sup>(1)</sup>	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. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option Grant (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.03	09/21/2012		M	6,208	(2) 06/23/2013	Common Stock	6,208

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BALLOU ROGER H 7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700 PLANO, TX 75024	X			

## Signatures

Cynthia L. Hageman, Attorney  
in Fact  
Date: 09/24/2012

\*\*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).

- The total amount of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 5,934 unrestricted shares; (b) 1,876 unvested restricted stock units granted 7/1/08; (c) 2,145 unvested restricted stock units granted 7/1/09; (d) 1,367 unvested restricted stock units granted 6/30/10; (e) 1,915 unvested restricted stock units granted 6/30/11; and (f) 1,374 unvested restricted stock units granted 6/29/12.
- (1) This is an employee stock option grant that is fully vested.

- The total number of derivative securities beneficially owned includes: (a) an option for 3,724 shares granted 7/1/04, which is fully vested; (3) (b) an option for 3,547 shares granted 6/10/05, which is fully vested; and (c) an option for 2,512 shares granted 6/12/06, which is fully vested.

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