

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 \*  
 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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/16/2016

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

(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  
 \_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/16/2016		A <sup>(1)</sup>	1,769 A <u>(1)</u>	120,123	D	
Common Stock	02/16/2016		A <sup>(2)</sup>	7,080 A <u>(2)</u>	127,203 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					600	I	By Norma Kay Kennedy Living Trust <sup>(4)</sup>

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 Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Kennedy Bryan J 7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700 PLANO, TX 75024			EVP & President, Epsilon	

## Signatures

Cynthia L. Hageman, Attorney  
in Fact 02/17/2016

\_\_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).
- (1) The new grant is for 1,769 shares of common stock represented by time-based restricted stock units. The restrictions will lapse on 584 units on each of 2/16/17 and 2/16/18 and on 601 units on 2/19/19, subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the vesting dates.
- (2) The new grant is for 7,080 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 2/16/17 and 2/16/18 and with respect to 34% of such shares on 2/19/19 contingent on meeting an EBT metric for 2016 and subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the vesting dates.
- (3) The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 99,577 unrestricted shares; (b) 811 unvested units from an award of 2,384 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/13; (c) 4,525 unvested units from an award of 13,306 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/13; (d) 1,006 unvested units from an award of 1,501 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/18/14; (e) 5,455

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unvested units from an award of 8,141 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/18/14; (f) 1,396 unvested time-based restricted stock units granted 2/17/15; (g) 5,584 unvested performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/17/15; (h) the new grant for 1,769 time-based restricted stock units; and (i) the new grant for 7,080 performance-based restricted stock units.

- (4) The shares are held in the Norma Kay Kennedy Living Trust for the benefit of the Reporting Person's mother. The Reporting Person serves as trustee.

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