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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP [ADS] A Kennedy Bryan J (Month/Day/Year) 02/02/2009 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 17655 WATERVIEW (Check all applicable) **PARKWAY** (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting EVP & President, Mktg. Svcs. Person DALLAS, TXÂ 75252 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â 77,662 (1) Common Stock D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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

2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)
	(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	
	Title	Derivative	Security:	
		Security	Direct (D)	
	Expiration Date	Expiration Date Securities Underlying (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	Expiration Date Securities Underlying Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Security or Exercise (Instr. 4) Price of Derivative	Expiration Date Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Security or Exercise Form of (Instr. 4) Price of Derivative Title Derivative Security:

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	11/17/2014	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 43.2	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	02/13/2016	Common Stock	7,724	\$ 43.01	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(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	EVP & President, Mktg. Svcs.	Â	

Signatures

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

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).

Date

- 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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