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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Kennedy Bryan J Issuer Symbol ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS (Check all applicable) CORP [ADS] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) 7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 02/09/2016 EVP & President, Epsilon 700 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **PLANO, TX 75024**

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1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securi	ties A	cquired	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D)			Securities	Ownership	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially	Form: Direct	Beneficial
`		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	(D) or	Ownership
		()	()				Following	Indirect (I)	(Instr. 4)
							Reported	(Instr. 4)	(2115121 1)
					(A)		Transaction(s)	(111511. 4)	
					or		` '		
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common					` ′	\$			
	02/09/2016		$M_{(1)}^{(1)}$	7,724	A		126,078	D	
Stock						43.01			
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Common	02/09/2016		$S^{(1)}$	7,724	D	\$ 179	118,354 (2)	D	
Stock	02/0//2010		<u> </u>	,,,2.	_	Ψ 1 / /	110,55		
									By Norma

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Common Stock 600 I Kay Kennedy Living

Trust $\underline{^{(3)}}$

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	l
(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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number omf 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 43.01	02/09/2016		M <u>(1)</u>	7,724	<u>(4)</u>	02/13/2016	Common Stock	7,724

Deletionships

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Cynthia L. Hageman, Attorney in Fact 02/11/2016

**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) Cashless exercise of employee stock options due to expire on February 13, 2016, ten years after such options were granted.

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

(2) 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 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; and (g) 5,584 unvested performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/17/15.

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- (3) 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.
- (4) This is an employee stock option grant that is fully vested.
- (5) The total number of derivative securities beneficially owned includes an option for 4,872 shares granted 2/21/07, which is fully vested. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.