

Epperson Leigh Ann K
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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 *
 Epperson Leigh Ann K

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS
 CORP [ADS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 SVP, General Counsel & Secy

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/21/2012

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	Amount			
Common Stock	02/21/2012		A ⁽¹⁾		1,300	A	15,379	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2012		F ⁽²⁾		398	D	\$ 119.7 14,981	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2012		A ⁽³⁾		731	A	15,712	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2012		A ⁽⁴⁾		2,924	A	18,636	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2012		F ⁽²⁾		207	D	\$ 120.51 18,429 ⁽⁵⁾	D	

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- (4) The new grant is for 2,924 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 2/21/13 and 2/21/14 and with respect to 34% of such shares on 2/23/15 contingent on meeting an EBT metric for 2012 and subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the vesting dates.

- (5) The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 9,518 unrestricted shares; (b) 1,423 unvested units from an award of 4,180 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/23/09; (c) 151 unvested units from an award of 444 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/22/10; (d) 633 unvested units from an award of 1,899 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/22/10; (e) 436 unvested units from an award of 650 time-based restricted stock units granted 3/21/11; (f) 2,613 unvested units from an award of 3,900 performance-based restricted stock units granted 3/21/11; (g) the new grant for 731 time-based restricted stock units; and (h) the new grant for 2,924 performance-based restricted stock units.

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