

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP

Form 4

February 19, 2015

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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See Instruction  
1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
HEFFERNAN EDWARD 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)  
02/17/2015

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)  
President and CEO

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	02/17/2015		A <sup>(1)</sup>		3,814	A	<u>(1)</u>	219,324	D
Common Stock	02/17/2015		A <sup>(2)</sup>		15,257	A	<u>(2)</u>	234,581	D
Common Stock	02/18/2015		A <sup>(3)</sup>		5,327	A	<u>(3)</u>	239,908	D
Common Stock	02/18/2015		F <sup>(4)</sup>		3,334	D	\$ 283.85	236,574 <sup>(5)</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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

### Relationships

#### Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HEFFERNAN EDWARD J  
7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700  
PLANO, TX 75024

X

President and CEO

## Signatures

Cynthia L. Hageman, Attorney  
in Fact

02/19/2015

\*\*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 new grant is for 3,814 shares of common stock represented by time-based restricted stock units. The restrictions will lapse on 1,258 units on 2/17/16, on 1,259 units on 2/17/17 and on 1,297 units on 2/20/18, subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the vesting dates.

The new grant is for 15,257 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 2/17/16 and 2/17/17 and with respect to 34% of such shares on 2/20/18 contingent on meeting an EBT metric for 2015 and subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the vesting dates.

(3) Based on the Company's EBT performance in 2014, 135.5% of the original award of 15,006 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/18/14 were earned, resulting in an additional 5,327 units, for a total of 20,333 units. The restrictions will lapse with respect to 6,710 units on 2/18/16 and with respect to 6,914 units on 2/21/17, subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the

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remaining vesting dates.

- (4) Shares withheld by the Company to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation upon the vesting of restricted stock units.

The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 162,606 unrestricted shares; (b) 2,031 unvested units from an award of 5,971 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/12; (c) 12,182 unvested units from an award of 35,828 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/12; (d) 3,730 unvested units from an award of 5,567 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/13; (e) 20,816

- (5) unvested units from an award of 31,068 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/13; (f) 2,514 unvested units from an award of 3,751 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/18/14; (g) 13,624 unvested units from an award of 20,333 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/18/14; (h) the new grant for 3,814 time-based restricted stock units; and (i) the new grant for 15,257 performance-based restricted stock units.

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