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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(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) 02/17/2017 | Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP & President, Epsilon | | | |
| PLANO, TX 7 | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting | | | |
| 111110, 111 13027 | | | | 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. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (I) (Instr. 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2017 | | F(1) | 699 | D | \$ 232.69 | 123,564.177 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2017 | | F(1) | 1,377 | D | \$ 235.4 | 122,187.177 (2) | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 600 | I | By Norma Kay Kennedy Living | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

Trust (3)

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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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | | 7. Title | | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
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| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transaction | onNumber | Expiration D | ate | Amour | it of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Underl | ying | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securit | ies | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
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| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | Date | Expiration | | or | | |
| | | | | | | Exercisable | Date | Title | Number | | |
| | | | | | | Exercisable | Date | | of | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Director 10% Owner Other

EVP & Kennedy Bryan J 7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700 President, PLANO, TX 75024 **Epsilon**

Signatures

(2)

Cynthia L. Hageman, Attorney 02/22/2017 in Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/17.

- Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Shares withheld by the Company to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation upon the vesting of restricted **(1)** stock units.

The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 104,779.177 unrestricted shares; (b) 475 unvested units from an award of 1,396 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/17/15; (c) 1,899 unvested units from an award of 5,584 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/17/15; (d) 1,185 unvested units from an award of 1,769 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/16/16; (e) 2,111 unvested units from an award of 3,151 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/16/16; (f) 1,926 unvested time-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/17; (g) 3,855 unvested performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/17; (h) 3,855 unvested performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/17; and (i) 2,102 unvested

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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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