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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 *
Pearson Bryan A

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)

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

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

EVP & President, LoyaltyOne

7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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PLANO, TX 75024

(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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/15/2019		A ⁽¹⁾	2,782 A <u>(1)</u>	22,488	D	
Common Stock	02/15/2019		A ⁽²⁾	5,562 A <u>(2)</u>	28,050	D	
Common Stock	02/15/2019		A ⁽³⁾	5,562 A <u>(3)</u>	33,612	D	
Common Stock	02/15/2019		F ⁽⁴⁾	2,532 D \$ 171.22	31,080	D	
Common Stock	02/19/2019		F ⁽⁴⁾	926 D \$ 174.28	25,282 ⁽⁵⁾ ⁽⁶⁾ <u>(7)</u>	D	

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(2) The new grant is for 5,562 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 2/18/20 and 2/16/21 and with respect to 34% of such shares on 2/15/22 contingent on meeting an EBT metric for 2019 and subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the vesting dates.

(3) The new grant is for 5,562 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 100% of such shares on 2/16/21 contingent on meeting a relative total shareholder return metric for 2019 and 2020 and subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the vesting dates.

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

(5) The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 2,996 unrestricted shares; (b) 678 unvested units from an award of 1,992 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/17; (c) 944 unvested units from an award of 2,778 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/17; (d) 1,229 unvested units from an award of 1,833 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/18; (e) 1,862 unvested units from an award of 2,780 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/18; (f) 3,667 unvested performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/18; (g) the new grant for 2,782 time-based restricted stock units; (h) the new grant for 5,562 performance-based restricted stock units; and (i) the new grant for 5,562 performance-based restricted stock units.

(6) Based on the Company's EBT performance in 2018, 75.8% of the original award of 3,667 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/18, or 2,780 units, were earned. The restrictions will lapse with respect to 918 units on 2/18/20 and with respect to 944 units on 2/16/21, subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the remaining vesting dates.

(7) The grant for 3,985 performance-based restricted stock units awarded on 2/15/17 was forfeited due to failure to meet the relative total shareholder return metric for 2017 and 2018.

(8) The shares are held by 2456779 Ontario Inc., an Ontario, Canada corporation, of which the reporting person is the sole shareholder.

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