

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP

Form 4

August 20, 2014

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

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1(b).

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

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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)  
7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE  
700

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
08/18/2014

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP & President, LoyaltyOne

(Street)  
PLANO, TX 75024

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  
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6.<br>Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 08/18/2014                              |                                                             | M <sup>(1)</sup>                        | 7,773 A                                                             | \$ 41.32 116,263                                                                                                   | D                                                                       |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 08/18/2014                              |                                                             | S <sup>(1)</sup>                        | 7,773 D                                                             | \$ 263.22 108,490 <sup>(3)</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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 41.32                                               | 08/18/2014                           |                                                    | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 7,773                                                                                   | <sup>(4)</sup> 02/03/2015                                | Common Stock                                                  | 7,773                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                       | Relationships                                             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Pearson Bryan A<br>7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700<br>PLANO, TX 75024 | Director 10% Owner Officer<br>EVP & President, LoyaltyOne |

## Signatures

Cynthia L. Hageman, Attorney  
in Fact 08/20/2014

\*\*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 3, 2015, ten years after such options were granted.

The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$263.00 to \$263.72, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Alliance Data Systems Corporation, any security holder of Alliance Data Systems Corporation, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth herein.

(3) The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 82,777 unrestricted shares; (b) 1,082 unvested units from an award of 3,181 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/12; (c) 6,491 unvested units from an award of 19,089 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/12; (d) 1,598 unvested units from an award of 2,384 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/13; (e) 8,916 unvested units from an award of 13,306 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/13; (f) 1,525 unvested time-based restricted stock units granted 2/18/14; and (g) 6,101 unvested performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/18/14.

(4) This is an employee stock option grant that is fully vested.

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- (5) The total number of derivative securities beneficially owned includes: (a) an option for 7,724 shares granted 2/13/06, which is fully vested and (b) an option for 4,628 shares granted 2/21/07, which is fully vested.

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