

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 TUCKER DWAYNE H

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)  
 17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/21/2007

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP, President Transaction Svc

DALLAS, TX 75252-8012

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(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                    | 02/21/2007                           |  | A <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 5,306   | A  | 43,281  |
| Common Stock                    | 02/21/2007                           |  | A <sup>(2)</sup>               |   | 5,306   | A  | 48,587  |
| Common Stock                    | 02/21/2007                           |  | A <sup>(3)</sup>               |   | 9,706   | A  | 58,293  |
| Common Stock                    | 02/21/2007                           |  | S                              |   | 13,000  | D  | \$ 63.23  |

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) |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 63.35   | 02/21/2007                           |  | A <sup>(4)</sup>               | 12,483  | <sup>(4)</sup>   | 02/21/2017  | Common Stock | 12,483                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                      | Relationships |           |                                   |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                           | Other |
| TUCKER DWAYNE H<br>17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY<br>DALLAS, TX 75252-8012 |               |           | EVP, President<br>Transaction Svc |       |

## Signatures

Leigh Ann K. Epperson, Attorney in Fact  
02/23/2007  
\*\*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) The new grant is for 5,306 shares of common stock represented by performance-based restricted stock units, which may be adjusted up or down at the time the restrictions lapse. The restrictions may lapse based on the Company's cash earnings per share growth for 2007.
- (2) The new grant is for 5,306 shares of common stock represented by time-based restricted stock units. The restrictions will lapse on 1,750 shares on 2/21/08, on 1,751 shares on 2/21/09, and on 1,805 shares on 2/21/10.
- (3) The new grant is for 9,706 shares of common stock represented by performance-based restricted stock units. The restrictions may lapse on 2,426 shares in February 2008, on 2,427 shares in February 2009, and on 4,853 shares in February 2010 contingent on meeting a 5% cash earnings per share growth hurdle for 2007.

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- (4) The new option is for 12,483 shares, of which 4,119 shares will vest on each of 2/21/08 and 2/21/09 and 4,245 shares will vest on 2/21/10.

The total number of derivative securities beneficially owned includes: (a) an option for 21,839 out of an original 115,000 shares granted 9/1/00, which is fully vested; (b) an option for 1 out of an original 81,917 shares granted 6/8/01, which is fully vested; (c) an option for 33,171 shares granted 6/24/03, which is fully vested; (d) an option for 33,682 shares granted 2/2/04, which is fully vested; (e) an option

- (5) for 16,370 shares granted 2/3/05, of which 10,804 shares are fully vested and 5,566 shares will vest on 2/3/08; (f) an option for 4,604 shares granted 3/31/05, of which 3,038 shares are fully vested and 1,566 shares will vest on 2/3/08; (g) an option for 21,714 shares granted 2/13/06, of which 7,165 shares vested on 2/13/07, 7,166 shares will vest on 2/13/08 and 7,383 shares will vest on 2/13/09; and (h) the new option for 12,483 shares.

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