#### ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP

Form 4

February 07, 2005

## FORM 4

## 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 * 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) 17655 WAT	(First) ERVIEW P.	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/03/2005	Director 10% Owner Superior 10% Owner Other (specify below) below)  Executive Vice President / Chief Financial Officer
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
DALLAS, T	X 75252-80	12	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I Non Desirative Securities As	avived Disposed of an Boneficially Owned

(,)	()	Table	e I - Non-De	erivative S	ecurit	ies Acq	juirea, Disposea o	i, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		3.	4. Securit		•	5. Amount of	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect
Security (Instr. 3)	(Month/Day/Tear)	any	Code	on(A) or Dis (D)	sposeu	. 01	Securities Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4	4 and 5	5)	Owned Following	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
							Reported Transaction(s)	(IIISU: 4)	(msu. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/03/2005		A <u>(1)</u>	6,961	A	<u>(1)</u>	33,998	D	
Common Stock	02/03/2005		A(2)	6,961	A	<u>(2)</u>	40,959	D	
Common Stock	02/03/2005		A(3)	17,778	A	<u>(3)</u>	58,737 (4)	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orderivative 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)	\$ 41.32	02/03/2005		A(5)	19,337	<u>(5)</u>	02/03/2015	Common Stock	19,337

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HEFFERNAN EDWARD J 17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY DALLAS, TX 75252-8012

Executive Vice President Chief Financial Officer

## **Signatures**

Leigh Ann K. Epperson, Attorney in Fact

02/07/2005

\*\*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 6,961 shares of performance-based restricted stock, which may be adjusted up or down at the time the restrictions lapse. The restrictions may lapse based on the performance of the Company relative to the S&P 500 measured as of 12/31/05.
- (2) The new grant is for 6,961 shares of time-based restricted stock. The restrictions will lapse on 2,297 shares on each of 2/3/06 and 2/3/07, and on 2,367 shares on 2/3/08.
- (3) The new grant is for 17,778 shares of time-based restricted stock. The restrictions on 5,926 shares will lapse on each of 12/9/05, 12/9/06, and 12/9/07.
- (4) The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 64 out of an original 23,000 shares of restricted stock granted 10/9/00, which is fully vested; (b) 21,718 shares acquired by the exercising of vested employee stock options; (c) 5,255 shares of performance-based restricted stock granted 2/2/04, of which 0 shares are vested; (d) the new grant for 6,961 shares of performance-based restricted stock; (e) the new grant for 6,961 shares of time-based restricted stock; and (f) the new grant for 17,778 shares of time-based

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restricted stock.

- (5) The new option is for 19,337 shares, of which 6,381 shares will vest on each of 2/3/06 and 2/3/07 and 6,575 shares will vest on 2/3/08.
  - The total number of derivative securities beneficially owned includes: (a) an option for 35,203 out of an original 40,000 shares granted 9/1/00, which is fully vested; (b) an option for 28,557 out of an original 40,557 shares granted 10/9/00, which is fully vested; (c) an option for 1 out of an original 38,313 shares granted on 6/8/01, which is fully vested; (d) an option for 63,282 shares granted 9/26/02, of
- (6) which 16,382 shares vested on 9/25/03, 23,100 shares vested on 9/25/04 and 23,800 shares will vest on 9/25/05; (e) an option for 34,022 shares granted 6/24/03, of which 11,227 shares vested on 6/23/04, 11,227 shares will vest on 6/23/05 and 11,568 shares will vest on 6/23/06; (f) an option for 34,735 shares granted 2/2/04, of which 11,463 shares vested on 2/2/05, 11,463 shares will vest on 2/2/06 and 11,809 shares will vest on 2/2/07; and (g) the new option for 19,337 shares.

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