

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP  
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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)  
 02/13/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Executive Vice President / Pres. Utility/Transaction Svcs

DALLAS, TX 75252-8012  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/13/2006		A <sup>(1)</sup>	9,098 A <u>(1)</u>	81,710	D	
Common Stock	02/13/2006		A <sup>(2)</sup>	9,098 A <u>(2)</u>	90,808 <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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 43.01	02/13/2006		A <sup>(4)</sup>	21,714	<sup>(4)</sup>	02/13/2016	Common Stock	21,714

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TUCKER DWAYNE H 17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY DALLAS, TX 75252-8012			Executive Vice President	Pres. Utility/Transaction Svcs

## Signatures

Leigh Ann K. Epperson, Attorney  
in Fact

02/15/2006

\_\_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 9,098 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 relative cash earnings per share growth as compared to the S&P 500 GAAP EPS growth measured as of 12/31/06.
- (2) The new grant is for 9,098 shares of common stock represented by time-based restricted stock units. The restrictions will lapse on 3,002 shares on each of 2/13/07 and 2/13/08, and on 3,094 shares on 2/13/09.
- (3) The total amount of securities beneficially owned includes (a) 1,379 shares acquired through the Company employee stock purchase program; (b) 31,230 shares acquired by the exercising of vested employee stock options; (c) 5,893 shares of performance-based restricted stock granted 2/3/05, of which 0 shares are vested; (d) 5,339 out of an original 5,893 shares of time-based restricted stock granted 2/3/05, of which 1,390 shares are vested; (e) 15,617 out of an original 17,778 shares of time-based restricted stock granted 2/3/05, of which 3,765 shares are vested; (f) 1,667 shares of performance-based restricted stock granted 3/31/05, of which 0 shares are vested; (g) 1,487 out of an original 1,667 shares of time-based restricted stock granted 3/31/05, of which 370 shares are vested; (h) 7,000 shares of performance-based restricted stock granted 3/31/05, of which 0 shares are vested; (continued below)
- (4)

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The new option is for 21,714 shares, of which 7,165 shares will vest on 2/13/07, 7,166 shares will vest on 2/13/08 and 7,383 shares will vest on 2/13/09.

- (5) The total number of derivative securities beneficially owned includes: (a) an option for 44,357 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, of which 21,892 shares are fully vested and 11,279 shares will vest on 6/23/06; (d) an option for 33,682 shares granted 2/2/04, of which 22,230 shares are fully vested and 11,452 shares will vest on 2/2/07; (e) an option for 16,370 shares granted 2/3/05, of which 5,402 shares vested on 2/3/06, 5,402 shares will vest on 2/3/07 and 5,566 shares will vest on 2/3/08; (f) an option for 4,604 shares granted 3/31/05, of which 1,519 shares vested on 2/3/06, 1,519 shares will vest on 2/3/07 and 1,566 shares will vest on 2/3/08; and (g) the new option for 21,714 shares.

### Remarks:

- (3) Continued from above: (i) 3,000 shares of time-based restricted stock granted 3/31/05, of which 0 shares are vested; (j) th

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