Pearson Bryan A Form 4 February 20, 2019

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

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Form 5

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

may continue. See Instruction

1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Pearson Bryan A

(First)

(Street)

(Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP [ADS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

02/15/2019

7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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below)

10% Owner Other (specify

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Estimated average

burden hours per

3235-0287

January 31,

2005

0.5

X_ Officer (give title

EVP & President, LoyaltyOne

700

Stock

Stock

Common

02/19/2019

(Last)

PLANO, TX 75024

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Director

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

25,282 (5) (6)

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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secui	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)		d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/15/2019		A(1)	2,782	A	(1)	22,488	D	
Common Stock	02/15/2019		A(2)	5,562	A	(2)	28,050	D	
Common Stock	02/15/2019		A(3)	5,562	A	<u>(3)</u>	33,612	D	
Common	02/15/2019		F(4)	2,532	D	\$ 171.22	31,080	D	

926

 $F^{(4)}$

D

171.22

174.28

By Common 2456779 85,942 Ι Stock Ontario Inc. (8)

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)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr.	nt of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Pearson Bryan A 7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700 PLANO, TX 75024

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02/20/2019 in Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).

The new grant is for 2,782 shares of common stock represented by time-based restricted stock units. The restrictions will lapse on 918 (1) units on each of 2/18/20 and 2/16/21 and on 946 units on 2/15/22, subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the vesting dates.

Reporting Owners 2

Signatures

Cynthia L. Hageman, Attorney

Date

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- 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.
 - 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.
- Based on the Company's EBT performance in 2018, 75.8% of the original award of 3,667 performance-based restricted stock units (6) 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. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.