

DRAPER E LINN JR  
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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 \*  
DRAPER E LINN JR

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)

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

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700

09/15/2010

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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

PLANO, TX 75024

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	09/15/2010		M		1,146	A	\$ 41.32
Common Stock	09/15/2010		M		3,547	A	\$ 36.88
Common Stock	09/15/2010		M		2,512	A	\$ 53.54
							16,521 <sup>(1)</sup>

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	09/15/2010		M	1,146	<u>(2)</u> 02/03/2015	Common Stock	1,146
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 36.88	09/15/2010		M	3,547	<u>(2)</u> 06/10/2015	Common Stock	3,547
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 53.54	09/15/2010		M	2,512	<u>(2)</u> 06/12/2016	Common Stock	2,512

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

DRAPER E LINN JR  
7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700  
PLANO, TX 75024

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## Signatures

Leigh Ann K. Epperson, Attorney  
in Fact

09/17/2010

\_\_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).

The total amount of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 7,205 unrestricted shares; (b) 177 shares of restricted stock granted 2/3/05; (c) 616 shares of restricted stock granted 6/10/05; (d) 458 shares of restricted stock granted 6/12/06; (e) 2,388 unvested restricted stock units granted 7/1/08; (f) 3,333 unvested restricted stock units granted 7/1/09; and (g) 2,344 unvested restricted stock units granted 6/30/10.

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

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