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## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Santillan Laura					<u>AI</u>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP [ ADS ]									eck all ap Dire Offic	olicable) ctor er (give title		Owner (specify	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/04/2011									beio	,	below Acctg. Officer	<b>′</b>	
(Street) PLANO TX 75024 (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									e) <mark>X</mark> Forr Forr	ridual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person			
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									Code	v	Amount	1)	A) or D)	Price	Trans	action(s) 3 and 4)		(IIISU. 4)	
Common Stock 03/04/						/2011			S <sup>(1)</sup>		823		D		. 13	3,982 <sup>(2)</sup>	D		
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)  2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security  3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)			Execution Date, if any		4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		str. 3	8. Price of Derivative Security Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
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## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. The sale reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on April 27, 2010. The trading plan was established to sell up to 823 shares of the Company's common stock. Portions of the shares may be sold on specified dates or any time the stock achieves certain pre-arranged minimum prices and may take place beginning on April 30, 2010 and ending on April 27, 2011, unless sooner terminated. The Reporting Person will have no control over the timing of any sales under the plan and there can be no assurance that the shares covered by the plan actually will be sold. The Reporting Person entered into the plan for personal tax and financial planning purposes and will continue to have a significant ownership interest in the Company.

2. The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 8,182 unrestricted shares; (b) 400 shares held in an IRA account; (c) 1,496 unvested units from an award of 4,400 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/23/09; (d) 743 unvested units from an award of 1,108 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/22/10; and (e) 3,161 unvested units from an award of 4,741 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/22/10.

## Remarks:

Cynthia L. Hageman, Attorney in Fact

03/08/2011

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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