ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP Form 8-K October 20, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported):

October 20, 2004

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

DELAWARE	001-15749	31-1429215
(State or Other	(Commission	(IRS Employer
Jurisdiction	File Number)	Identification No.)
of Incorporation)		

17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY DALLAS, TEXAS 75252

(Address and Zip Code of Principal Executive Offices)

(972) 348-5100

(Registrant s Telephone Number, including Area Code)

NOT APPLICABLE

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the Registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act
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ITEM 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

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(c) Exhibits

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Alliance Data Systems Corporation

Date: October 20, 2004 By: /s/ Edward J. Heffernan

Edward J. Heffernan

Executive Vice President and Chief

Financial Officer

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