ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP Form 8-K October 18, 2006

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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 18, 2006

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

DELAWARE

001-15749

31-1429215

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

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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ITEM 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

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ITEM 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

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NUMBER DESCRIPTION

99.1 Press Release dated October 18, 2006 announcing the results of operations for the quarter ended

September 30, 2006.

Note: The information contained in this report (including Exhibit 99.1) shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

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SIGNATURES

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 18, 2006 By: /s/ Edward J. Heffernan

Edward J. Heffernan

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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