

# STATE OF ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION CORPORATION ANNUAL REPORT & CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE



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BARRETT BUSINESS SERVICES, INC.
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4724 SW MACADAM AVE
PORTLAND, OR 97201

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ARIZONA CORP. COMMISSION CORPORATIONS DIVISION

Business Phone: (503) 220 - 0988	(Business phone is optional.)	 
State of Domicile: MARYLAND	Type of Corporation: <b>BUSINESS</b>	

Arizona Statutory Agent:

DEBBIE BRENDON

Street Address:

5303 E BROADWAY BLVD

TUCSON, AZ 85711

City, State, Zip:

	Use this box only if appointing a new Statutory Agent
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Fee \$ 45 -	signing below.
Penalty \$	I, (individual) or We, (corporation or limited liability company) having been designated the new
Reinstate \$	Statutory Agent, do hereby consent to this appointment until my removal or resignation pursuant to law.
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(Foreign Corporations are REQUIRED to complete this section.)

\* NANCY PREBLE Bayrett Business Services, Inc. 5303 E BROADWAY BLVD 47211 SW Macadam Avenue PHOENIX, AZ 85711 Portland, OL 97201

4. Check the one category below which best describes the CHARACTER OF BUSINESS of your corporation.

BUSINESS CORPORATIONS

		NON-PROFIT CORPORATION:
1. Accounting	20. Manufacturing	1 Charitable
2. Advertising	21. Mining	2. Benevolent
3. Aerospace	22. News Media	3. Educational
4. Agriculture	23. Pharmaceutical	4 Civic
5. Architecture	24. Publishing/Printing	5. Political
6. Banking/Finance	25. Ranching/Livestock	
7. Barbers/Cosmetology	26. Real Estate	6 Religious
8. Construction	27. Restaurant/Bar	7 Social
9. Contractor	28. Retail Sales	8 Literary
10. Credit/Collection	29. Science/Research	9 Cultural
11. Education		10 Athletic
12. Engineering	30. Sports/Sporting Events	<ol> <li>11 Science/Research</li> </ol>
13. Entertainment	31. Technology(Computers)	<ol> <li>12 Hospital/Health Care</li> </ol>
13. Entertainment	32. Technology(General)	13 Agricultural
14. General Consulting	33. Television/Radio	14 Animal Husbandry
15. Health Care	34. Tourism/Convention Services	15 Homeowner's Association
16. Hotel/Motel	35. Transportation	16. Professional, commercial
17. lmport/Export	36. Utilities	industrial or trade association
18. Insurance	37. Veterinary Medicine/Animal Care	17 Other
19. Legal Services	X 38. Other HR Mgmt & Staffing	Oliloi

5. <u>CAPITALIZATION:</u> (Business Corporations and Business Trusts are <u>REQUIRED</u> to complete this section.)
Business trusts must indicate the number of transferable certificates held by trustees evidencing their beneficial interest in the trust estate.

Number of Shares/Certificates Authorized	Class	Series Within Class (if any)		
20,500,000	Common Stock	\$.01 par value		
Number of Shares/Certificates Issued	Class	Series Within Class (if any)		
6,260,898	Common Stock	\$.01 par value		
6. SHAREHOLDERS: (Business Corporations and List shareholders holding more than 20% of any obeneficial interest in the corporation.	d Business Trusts are <u>RE</u> class of shares issued by t se <b>Type or Print</b> (	the corporation, or having more than a 20%		
Name: William W. Sherertz	Name	Nancy B. Sherertz		
NONE  Name:	Name	S		
7. OFFICERS Please Type or Print (	Clearly.			
Name: SEE ATTACHED SHEET	Name: _			
Title:	Title: _			
Address:	Address:			
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Date taking office:	Date taki	ng office:		
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Title:	Title:			
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Date taking office:	Date taki	ng office:		
8. <u>DIRECTORS</u> Please Type or Print Name: SEE ATTACHED SHEET				
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### **BALANCE SHEETS**

(in thousands, except par value)

December 31,	2000	199
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 516	Φ
Trade accounts receivable, net	Ψ 310 20,660	\$ 55
Prepaid expenses and other	1,222	30,21
Deferred tax assets	2,702	1,21 1,65
Total current assets	25,100	33,64
Intangibles, net		ŕ
Property and equipment, net	20,982	21,94 _
Restricted marketable securities and workers' compensation deposits	7,177	7,02
Unrestricted marketable securities	4,254	6,28
Deferred tax assets	1,386	
Other assets	839 1,374	71:
	\$ 61,112	1,13
	Ψ ΟΙ, ΓΙΖ ————————————————————————————————————	\$ 70,740
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY  Current liabilities:		
Notes payable	\$ -	\$ 865
Current portion of long-term debt Line of credit	2,939	2,783
	2,628	4,882
Accounts payable	1,013	1,356
Accrued payroll, payroll taxes and related benefits	7,893	11,437
Workers' compensation claims and safety incentive liabilities Other accrued liabilities	5,274	4,219
	1,622	413
Total current liabilities	21,369	25,955
ong-term debt, net of current portion	1,508	4,232
Customer deposits	614	815
ong-term workers' compensation claims liabilities	682	699
Other long-term liabilities	2,022	1,710
	26,195	33,411
ommitments and contingencies (Notes 9, 10 and 14) tockholders' equity:	,	
Common stock, \$.01 par value; 20,500 shares authorized, 6,451 and 7,461		
shares issued and outstanding	64	75
Additional paid-in capital	5,387	9,889
Retained earnings	29,466	27,365
	34,917	37,329
	\$ 61,112	\$ 70,740

hardware and software for the Company's new management information system, which was implemented on March 1, 2000. Additionally, during 2000, the Company paid \$1,122,000 representing the final contingent payment and acquisition costs related to the TSS acquisition. For 1999, cash used in investing activities was primarily for the acquisitions of TSS, TPM and TSU totaling \$13,157,000 and for capital expenditures of \$2,024,000. The Company presently has no material long-term capital commitments.

Net cash used in financing activities for 2000 amounted to \$10,200,000, which compares to \$8,525,000 of net cash provided by financing activities in 1999. For 2000, the principal use of cash for financing activities was for common stock repurchases totaling \$4,541,000, scheduled payments on long-term debt of \$2,568,000 and net repayments on the Company's credit-line totaling \$2,254,000. For 1999, the primary source of cash provided by financing activities was an \$8,000,000 term loan obtained from the Company's principal bank and \$4,882,000 of net borrowings on the Company's credit-line, offset in part by payments on long-term debt of \$1,722,000 and common stock repurchases of \$1,498,000. The term loan was obtained to provide financing for the TSU acquisition and, at December 31, 2000, had an outstanding principal balance of \$4,000,000.

The Company renewed its loan agreement (the "Agreement") with its principal bank in May 2000, which provided for an unsecured revolving credit facility of \$15.0 million and an \$8.0 million 3-year term loan. This Agreement, which expires May 31, 2001, also includes a subfeature for standby letters of credit in connection with certain workers' compensation surety arrangements, as to which approximately \$2.6 million were outstanding as of December 31, 2000. The Company had an outstanding balance of \$2,628,000 on the revolving credit facility at December 31, 2000. (See Note 7 of the Notes to Financial Statements.) Effective September 30, 2000, the Company negotiated an accommodation to reduce the restrictiveness of one of the quarterly financial covenants and, in consideration, agreed to the imposition of an additional financial covenant. As a result of a financial covenant violation as of December 31, 2000, the Company, subsequent to year end, renegotiated with its bank several material amendments to the provisions of the Agreement in consideration for the bank's agreement to waive the covenant violation. Effective, March 12, 2001, the principal terms and conditions of the Agreement, as amended, include (1) a reduction in the total amount available under the revolving credit

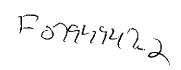
facility from \$15 million to the lesser of (i) \$13 million or (ii) 65 percent of total trade accounts receivable at the end of any fiscal quarter, and (2) a security interest in all trade accounts receivable. Due to the bank's secured position, the bank agreed to reduce the restrictiveness of certain financial covenants. It is management's belief that these new terms and conditions will not be restrictive in the Company's normal course of operation. As a result of the bankprovided waiver, the Company was in compliance with the financial covenants of the Agreement, as amended, at December 31, 2000. Management expects that the funds anticipated to be generated from operations, together with the bank-provided credit facility and other potential sources of financing, will be sufficient in the aggregate to fund the Company's working capital needs for the foreseeable future. Although the Agreement, as amended, expires on May 31, 2001, management expects this arrangement to be renewed with its current principal bank on terms and conditions which will not be materially less favorable to the Company than the present terms. If, however, the terms and conditions for renewal are unacceptable to the Company, management will seek the most favorable terms available in the market.

During 1999, the Company's Board of Directors authorized a stock repurchase program to repurchase common shares from time to time in open market purchases. Since inception, the Board of Directors have approved four increases in the total number of shares or dollars authorized to be repurchased under the program. The repurchase program currently provides \$1,584,000 to be used for the repurchase of additional shares at December 31, 2000. During 2000, the Company repurchased 1,017,300 shares at an aggregate price of \$4,541,000. Management anticipates that the capital necessary to execute this program will be provided by existing cash balances and other available resources.

### INFLATION

nflation generally has not been a significant factor in the Company's operations during the periods discussed above. The Company has taken into account the impact of escalating medical and other costs in establishing reserves for future expenses for self-insured workers' compensation claims.

### STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS



(in thousands, except per share amounts)

Years Ended December 31,		2000		1999		1998
Revenues:						
Staffing services	\$	188,500	٥	\$ 194,991	4	1 405 446
Professional employer services	•	133,966	4	152,859	4	165,443
						137,586
Cost of revenues:		322,466		347,850 		303,029
Direct payroll costs		0=				
Payroll taxes and benefits		251,015		270,049		235,265
Workers' compensation		27,007		28,603		25,550
- Inperiodical		12,639		11,702 		10,190
		290,661		310,354		271,005
Gross margin		31,805		37,496		32,024
Selling, general and administrative expenses		24,583		25,957		23,012
Merger expenses		· -				750
Depreciation and amortization		3,192		2,461		1,785
Income from operations		4,030		9,078		6,477
Other (expense) income:						
Interest expense		(000)				
Interest income		(830)		(634)		(173)
Other, net		341		357		441
		6		32		(1)
		(483)		(245)	<u>.</u>	267
Income before provision for income taxes		3,547		8,833		6,744
Provision for income taxes		1,446		3,684		2,923
Net income	\$	2,101	\$	5,149	\$	3,821
Basic earnings per share	\$	.29	\$	.68	\$	.50
eighted average number of basic shares outstanding		7,237		7,581	_	7,664
iluted earnings per share						7,004
	\$	.29 	\$	.68 ————	\$ 	.50
eighted average number of diluted shares outstanding		7,277		7,627		7,711

### STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

(in thousands)

,	Common Stock			Additional paid-in		Retained			
_	Shares	Amo	ount		Capital	Ea	rnings ————		Total
Balance, December 31, 1997	7,638	\$	76	\$	11,760	\$	18,395	\$	30,231
Common stock issued on exercise of options and warrants	38		1		168		-		169
Distribution to dissenting shareholder in connection with merger	-		-		(519)		-		(519)
Net income						_	3,821 		3,821 
Balance, December 31, 1998	 7,676		<b>7</b> 7		11,409		22,216		33,702
Common stock issued on exercise of options	9		-		34		-		34
and warrants Repurchase of common stock	(219)		(2)		(1,496)		-		(1,498)
Payment to shareholder	-		-		(58)		-		(58)
Common stock cancelled	(5)		-		-		- 5,149		- 5,149
Net income Balance, December 31, 1999	7,461		75		9,889		27,365		37,329
Common stock issued on exercise of options	7		_		28		-		28
and warrants  Repurchase of common stock	(1,017)		(11)		(4,530)		-		(4,541
Net income			<u>-</u>				2,101		2,101
Balance, December 31, 2000	6,451	\$	64	\$	5,387	\$	29,466	\$	34,917

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### STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(in thousands)

Years Ended December 31,	2000	1999	199
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income	\$ 2,101	\$ 5,149	\$ 3,82
Reconciliations of net income to net cash provided by operating activity	ties:	•	7 3,52
Depreciation and amortization	3,192	2,461	1,78
Deferred taxes	(1,171)	156	(32
Changes in certain assets and liabilities, net of amounts purchased acquisitions:	in		(02
Trade accounts receivable, net	9,556	(5,568)	(85)
Prepaid expenses and other	(3)	(57)	128
Income taxes payable	~	(438)	433
Accounts payable	(343)	261	(188
Accrued payroll, payroll taxes and related benefits	(3,544)	2,030	(788
Other accrued liabilities	1,209	(153)	100
Workers' compensation claims and safety incentive liabilities	1,038	(198)	20
Customer deposits, other liabilities and other assets, net	(443)	(522)	
Other long-term liabilities	312	312	(443 368
Net cash provided by operating activities	11,904	3,433	4,246
Cash flows from investing activities:			4,240
Cash paid for acquisitions, including other direct costs	(1,122)	(13,157)	(693
Purchase of property and equipment, net of amounts purchased in	, ,	(10,101)	(000
acquisitions	(1,257)	(2,024)	(1,077
Proceeds from maturities of marketable securities	1,329	2,415	5,532
Purchase of marketable securities	(688)	(2,671)	(5,441
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,738)	(15,437)	(1,679
Cash flows from financing activities:			(.,,
Payment of credit line assumed in acquisition		/4 4 4 a)	
Net (payments on) proceeds from credit-line borrowings	- (0.054)	(1,113)	
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	(2,254)	4,882	(887
Payments on long-term debt	- (0.500)	8,000	_
Payment of notes payable	(2,568)	(1,722)	(740
Distribution to dissenting shareholder	(865)	-	-
Payment to shareholder	-	-	(519
Repurchase of common stock	-	(58)	-
Proceeds from the exercise of stock options and warrants	(4,541)	(1,498)	-
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	28	34	169
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(10,200)	8,525	(1,977)
cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	(34)	(3,479)	590
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	550	4,029 	3,439
	\$ 516 	\$ 550 	\$ 4,029
upplemental schedule of noncash activities:			
Acquisition of other businesses:			
Cost of acquisitions in excess of fair market value of			
net assets acquired	\$ 1,122	\$ 12,304	\$ 683
Tangible assets acquired		3,364	Ψ 003 10
Liabilities assumed	-	1,646	10
Note payable issued in connection with acquisition		865	_

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. Summary of Operations and Significant Accounting Policies

### Nature of operations

Barrett Business Services, Inc. ("Barrett" or the "Company"), a Maryland corporation, is engaged in providing staffing and professional employer services to a diversified group of customers through a network of branch offices throughout Oregon, Washington, Idaho, California, Arizona, Maryland, Delaware and North Carolina. Approximately 81%, 79% and 81%, respectively, of the Company's revenues during 2000, 1999 and 1998 were attributable to its Oregon and California operations. On June 29, 1998, the Company merged with Western Industrial Management, Inc. and Catch 55, Inc. (collectively "WIMI"). The transaction was accounted for as a pooling-of-interests pursuant to Accounting Principles Board ("APB") Opinion No. 16 and, accordingly, the Company's financial statements have been restated for all prior periods to give effect to the merger, as more fully described in Note 2.

### Revenue recognition

The Company recognizes revenue as services are rendered by its workforce. Staffing services are engaged by customers to meet short-term and long-term personnel needs. Professional employer services are normally used by organizations to satisfy ongoing human resource management needs and typically involve contracts with a minimum term of one year, renewable annually, which cover all employees at a particular worksite.

In December 1999, the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 101, "Revenue Recognition in Financial Statements," ("SAB 101"), and further amended it to defer the effective date. This pronouncement summarizes certain of the SEC staff's views on applying generally accepted accounting principles to revenue recognition. The Company was required to adopt the provisions of SAB 101 no later than December 31, 2000. The adoption of SAB 101 has had no effect on the Company's financial statements.

### Cash and cash equivalents

The Company considers non-restricted short-term investments, which are highly liquid, readily convertible into cash, and have original maturities of less than three months, to be cash equivalents for purposes of the statements of cash flows.

### Allowance for doubtful accounts

The Company had an allowance for doubtful accounts of \$528,000 and \$335,000 at December 31, 2000 and 1999, respectively.

### Marketable securities

At December 31, 2000 and 1999, marketable securities consisted primarily of governmental debt instruments with maturities generally from 90 days to 28 years (see Note 6).

Marketable securities have been categorized as held-tomaturity and, as a result, are stated at amortized cost. Realized gains and losses on sales of marketable securities are included in other (expense) income on the Company's statements of operations.

### Intangibles

Intangible assets consist primarily of identifiable intangible assets acquired and the cost of acquisitions in excess of the fair value of net assets acquired (goodwill). Intangible assets acquired are recorded at their estimated fair value at the acquisition date.

The Company uses a 15-year estimate as the estimated economic useful life of goodwill. This life is based on an analysis of industry practice and the factors influencing the acquisition decision. Other intangible assets are amortized on the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives, ranging from 2 to 15 years. (See Note 4.)

The Company reviews for asset impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of intangible assets may not be recoverable. To perform that review, the Company estimates the sum of expected future undiscounted net cash flows from the intangible assets. If the estimated net cash flows are less than the carrying amount of the intangible asset, the Company recognizes an impairment loss in an amount necessary to write down the intangible asset to a fair value as determined from expected future discounted cash flows. No write-down for impairment loss was recorded for the years ended December 31, 2000, 1999 and 1998.

### Property and equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost. Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are charged to operating expense as incurred, and expenditures for additions and betterments are capitalized. The cost of assets sold or otherwise disposed of and the related accumulated depreciation are eliminated from the accounts, and any resulting gain or loss is reflected in the statements of operations.

Depreciation of property and equipment is calculated using either straight-line or accelerated methods over estimated useful lives, which range from 3 years to 31.5 years.

#### **Customer deposits**

The Company requires deposits from certain professional employer services customers to cover a portion of its accounts receivable due from such customers in the event of default of payment.

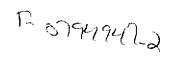
### Statements of cash flows

Interest paid during 2000, 1999 and 1998 did not materially differ from interest expense.

Income taxes paid by the Company in 2000, 1999 and 1998 totaled \$2,331,000, \$4,181,000 and \$2,623,000, respectively.

### Net income per share

Basic earnings per share are computed based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for each year. Diluted earnings per share reflect the potential



## BARRETT BUSINESS SERVICES, INC. DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Directors' Name	Date Office Taken	Address
Robert R. Ames	June, 1993	4724 SW Macadam Avenue Portland, Oregon 97201
Thomas J. Carley	November, 2000	4724 SW Macadam Avenue Portland, Oregon 97201
Richard W. Godard	April, 2000	4724 SW Macadam Avenue Portland, Oregon 97201
James B. Hicks, Ph.D.	April, 2001	4724 SW Macadam Avenue Portland, Oregon 97201
Anthony Meeker	June, 1993	4724 SW Macadam Avenue Portland, Oregon 97201
Nancy B. Sherertz	May, 1998	4724 SW Macadam Avenue Portland, Oregon 97201
William W. Sherertz	June, 1980	4724 SW Macadam Avenue Portland, Oregon 97201
Officers' Name	Date Office Taken	Address
Officers' Name  William W. Sherertz  President and Chief Executive Officer	Date Office Taken  June, 1980	Address  4724 SW Macadam Avenue Portland, Oregon 97201
William W. Sherertz		4724 SW Macadam Avenue
William W. Sherertz President and Chief Executive Officer Michael D. Mulholland	June, 1980	4724 SW Macadam Avenue Portland, Oregon 97201 4724 SW Macadam Avenue
William W. Sherertz President and Chief Executive Officer Michael D. Mulholland Vice President-Finance and Secretary Gregory R. Vaughn	June, 1980 August, 1994	4724 SW Macadam Avenue Portland, Oregon 97201 4724 SW Macadam Avenue Portland, Oregon 97201 4724 SW Macadam Avenue
William W. Sherertz President and Chief Executive Officer Michael D. Mulholland Vice President-Finance and Secretary Gregory R. Vaughn Vice President-Operations James D. Miller	June, 1980 August, 1994 January, 1998	4724 SW Macadam Avenue Portland, Oregon 97201 4724 SW Macadam Avenue Portland, Oregon 97201 4724 SW Macadam Avenue Portland, Oregon 97201 4724 SW Macadam Avenue
William W. Sherertz President and Chief Executive Officer Michael D. Mulholland Vice President-Finance and Secretary Gregory R. Vaughn Vice President-Operations James D. Miller Controller and Assistant Secretary James L. Donahue	June, 1980 August, 1994 January, 1998 March, 1995	4724 SW Macadam Avenue Portland, Oregon 97201 4724 SW Macadam Avenue
William W. Sherertz President and Chief Executive Officer Michael D. Mulholland Vice President-Finance and Secretary Gregory R. Vaughn Vice President-Operations James D. Miller Controller and Assistant Secretary James L. Donahue Area Vice President Judith L. Gabriel	June, 1980  August, 1994  January, 1998  March, 1995  May, 2001	4724 SW Macadam Avenue Portland, Oregon 97201 4724 SW Macadam Avenue

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### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of Barrett Business Services, Inc.:

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheets and the related statements of operations, of stockholders' equity and of cash flows present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Barrett Business Services, Inc. (the Company) at December 31, 2000 and 1999, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2000 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management; our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

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February 6, 2001, except for the second paragraph of Note 7, as to which the date is March 12, 2001.

### **DIRECTORS**

WILLIAM W. SHERERTZ

President and Chief Executive Officer

ROBERT R. AMES Retired Vice Chairman, First Interstate Bank or Oregon, N.A.

THOMAS J. CARLEY Private Investor

RICHARD W. GODARD Area Vice President

JAMES B. HICKS, Ph.D.

Partner,

TekSTART Consulting Group

ANTHONY MEEKER
Director,
Key Asset Management

NANCY B. SHERERTZ Private Investor

### **OFFICERS**

WILLIAM W. SHERERTZ

President and Chief Executive Officer

MICHAEL D. MULHOLLAND Vice President-Finance and Secretary

GREGORY R. VAUGHN Vice President

JUDITH L. GABRIEL Area Vice President

RICHARD W. GODARD Area Vice President

ELAINE M. GUARD Area Vice President

### SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

The annual meet of shareholders will be held on Thursday, May 17, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. Pacific Time, at the Multnomah Athletic Club in Portland, Oregon. All shareholders are invited to attend the annual meeting, however, only shareholders of record on March 30, 2001 will be entitled to vote at the meeting.

#### STOCK LISTING

The common stock of Barrett Business Services, Inc. is traded on The Nasdaq Stock Market under the symbol "BBSI." The Company had 66 shareholders of record and approximately 466 beneficial owners at February 28, 2001. The Company has paid no cash dividends since its initial public offering in June 1993.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Copies of the Company's published financial reports, including its Annual Report on Form 10-K, are available upon request and without charge by contacting Investor Relations at the address listed below or through our website at www.barrettbusiness.com

#### SHAREHOLDER ACCOUNT ASSISTANCE

Mellon Investor Services acts as transfer agent and registrar for the Company. For assistance regarding stock certificates (including transfers), address or name changes, or lost stock certificates, please contact:

Meilon Investor Services LLC 85 Challenger Road Ridgefield Park, New Jersey 07660 Telephone: (800) 522-6645 Internet: www.mellon-investor.com

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### 11. Income Taxes (Continued)

The effective tax rate differed from the U.S. statutory federal tax rate due to the following:

	Year ended December 3				
	2000	1999	1998		
Statutory federal tax rate	34.0%	34.0%	34.0%		
State taxes, net of federal					
benefit	7.2	5.6	6.1		
Nondeductible expenses	1.6	0.8	3.4		
Nondeductible amortization of					
intangibles	5.0	1.9	2.5		
Federal tax-exempt interest					
income	(2.3)	(0.9)	(1.0)		
Federal tax credits	(4.0)	(1.4)	- '		
Other, net	(0.7)	1.7	(1.7)		
	40.8%	41.7%	43.3%		

### 12. Stock Incentive Plan

The Company has a Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan") which provides for stock-based awards to Company employees, non-employee directors and outside consultants or advisors. Since inception, the Company's stockholders have approved two increases in the total number of shares of common stock reserved for issuance under the Plan. Currently, the total shares of common stock reserved for issuance under the Plan is 1,550,000.

The options generally become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning one year after the date of grant and expire ten years after the date of grant. Under the terms of the Plan, the exercise price of incentive stock options must not be less than the fair market value of the Company's stock on the date of grant.

In addition, certain of the Company's zone and branch management employees have elected to receive a portion of their quarterly cash bonus in the form of nonqualified deferred compensation stock options. Such options are awarded at a sixty percent discount from the then-fair market value of the Company's stock and are fully vested and immediately exercisable upon grant. During 2000, the Company awarded deferred compensation stock options for 25,466 shares at an average exercise price of \$2.22 per share. During 1999, the Company awarded deferred compensation stock options for 38,613 shares at an average exercise price of \$3.11 per share. During 1998, the Company awarded deferred compensation stock options for 51,417 shares at an average exercise price of \$4.26 per share. In accordance with Accounting Principles Board ("APB") Opinion No. 25, the Company recognized compensation expense of \$85,000, \$180,000 and \$213,000 for the years ended December 31, 2000, 1999 and 1998, respectively, in connection with the issuance of these discounted options.

A summary of the status of the Company's stock options at December 31, 2000, 1999 and 1998, together with changes during the periods then ended, are presented below.

	Number of options	Weighted average exercise price
Outstanding at December 31, 1997	595,119	\$ 13.50
Options granted at market price Options granted below market price Options exercised Options canceled or expired	217,601 51,417 (7,250) (71,592)	10.91 4.26 5.91 14.50
Outstanding at December 31, 1998	785,295	12,15
Options granted at market price Options granted below market price Options exercised Options canceled or expired	152,971 38,613 (9,059) (74,102)	8.79 3.11 3.74 13.60
Outstanding at December 31, 1999	893,718	11.16
Options granted at market price Options granted below market price Options exercised Options canceled or expired	171,056 25,466 (7,000) (127,578)	6.57 2.22 4.01 9.03
Outstanding at December 31, 2000	955,662	10.44
Available for grant at December 31, 2000	369,904	

The Company applies APB Opinion No. 25 and related interpretations in accounting for the Plan. Accordingly, no compensation expense has been recognized for its stock option grants issued at market price because the exercise price of the Company's employee stock options equals the market price of the underlying stock on the date of grant. If compensation expense for the Company's stock-based compensation plan had been determined based on the fair market value at the grant date for awards under the Plan, consistent with the method of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 123, the Company's net income and earnings per share would have been reduced to the pro forma amounts indicated below:

	_	2000 1999		1998	
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Net income, as reported Net income, pro forma	\$	2,101 1,332	\$	5,149 4,265	\$ 3,821 3,117
Basic earnings per share, as reported Basic earnings per share,		.29		.68	.50
pro forma		.18		.56	.41
Diluted earnings per share, as reported Diluted earnings per share,		.29		.68	.50
pro forma		.18		.56	.41

The effects of applying SFAS No. 123 for providing pro forma disclosures for 2000, 1999 and 1998 are not likely to be representative of the effects on reported net income for future years, because options vest over several years and additional awards generally are made each year.

### 12. Stock Incentive Plan (Continued)

The fair value of each option grant is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model, with the following weighted-average assumptions used for grants in 2000, 1999 and 1998:

	2000	1999	1998
Expected volatility	50%	46%	43%
Risk free rate of return	6.20%	5.75%	5.50%
Expected dividend yield	0%	0%	0%
Expected life (years)	7.0	7.0	0.8

Total fair value of options granted at market price was computed to be \$673,921, \$768,863 and \$1,364,155 for the years ended December 31, 2000, 1999 and 1998, respectively. Total fair value of options granted at 60% below market price was computed to be approximately \$111,000, \$232,000 and \$432,000 for the years ended December 31, 2000, 1999 and 1998 respectively. The weighted average value of all options granted in 2000, 1999 and 1998 was \$3.94, \$5.22 and \$6.64, respectively.

The following table summarizes information about stock options outstanding at December 31, 2000:

	Options ex	ercisable			
Exercise Price Range	Number of Shares	Weighted- average exercise price	Weighted- average remaining contractual life (years)	Exercisable al Dec. 31, 2000	Weighted- average exercise price
\$ 1.93 - 6.00	128,833	\$ 3.68	7.7	109,733	\$ 3.30
6,50 - 9.50	298,151	7.88	7.7	90,360	9.18
10.13 - 12.50	225,419	11.29	6.8	143,139	11.36
13.38 - 14.88	159,500	14.40	5.6	137,750	14.40
15.00 - 17.94	143,759	16.10	5.0	138,027	16.05
	955,662			619,009	

At December 31, 2000, 1999 and 1998, 619,009, 509,834 and 363,295 options were exercisable at weighted average exercise prices of \$11.33, \$11.56 and \$11.97, respectively.

In March 2000, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 44 ("FIN 44"), "Accounting for Certain Transactions Involving Stock Compensation — an Interpretation of APB Opinion No. 25," which provides interpretive guidance on several implementation issues related to APB Opinion No. 25 "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees." FIN 44 was effective July 1, 2000, but certain conclusions must be applied earlier. The adoption of FIN 44 had no effect on the Company's financial statements.

### 13. Stock Repurchase Program

During 1999, the Company's Board of Directors authorized a stock repurchase program to purchase common shares from time to time in open market purchases. Since inception, the Board has approved four increases in the total number of shares or dollars authorized to be repurchased under the program. The repurchase program currently allows for \$1,584,000 to be used for the repurchase of additional shares as of December 31, 2000. During 2000, the Company repurchased 1,017,300 shares at an aggregate price of \$4,541,000. During 1999, the Company repurchased 219,000 shares at an aggregate price of \$1,498,000.

### 14. Litigation

The Company is subject to legal proceedings and claims, which arise in the ordinary course of its business. In the opinion of management, the amount of ultimate liability with respect to currently pending or threatened actions is not expected to materially affect the financial position or results of operations of the Company.

### 15. Quarterly Financial Information (Unaudited)

(in thousands, except per share amounts and market price per share)

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-		First uarter		econd uarter	Third Juarter	ourth uarter 
Year ended December 31,	19	98				
Revenues	\$	69,241	\$	76,651	\$ 81,969	\$ 75,168
Cost of revenues		62,467		68,524	73,002	67,012
Net income		387		600	1,599	1,235
Basic earnings per share	Э	.05		.08	.21	.16
Diluted earnings per sha	ire	.05		80.	.21	.16
Common stock market p	ric	es:				
High	\$	12.00	\$	13.38	\$ 10.88	\$ 9.38
Low		10.25		9.13	7.88	6.00
Year ended December 31	. 19	999				
Revenues	\$	71,015	5	84.707	\$ 95,875	\$ 96,253
Cost of revenues		63,700		75,565	84,927	86,159
Net income		740		1,216	1,835	1,359
Basic earnings per shar	е	.10		.16	.24	.18
Diluted earnings per sha	are	.10		.16	.24	.18
Common stock market p	oric	es:				
High	\$	9.06	\$	9.25	\$ 10.25	\$ 8.38
Low		5.25		5.88	7.75	5.50
Year ended December 31	, 2	000				
Revenues	\$	87,122	\$	86,502	\$ 80,744	\$ 68,098
Cost of revenues		78,519		77,724	72,830	61,588
Net income		744		794	500	63
Basic earnings per shar	е	.10		.11	.07	.01
Diluted earnings per sh	are	.10		.11	,07	.01
Common stock market	prid	ces:				
High	\$	7.63	\$	7.50	\$	\$ 5.25
Low		5.00		5.00	5.00	2.50

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### 8. Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt consists of the following:

(in thousands)  Term loan payable in monthly installments of \$222,222 plus interest at LIBOR plus 1.35% through 2002 (Note 7) \$4,000 \$6,444  Mortgage note payable in monthly installments of \$6,408, including interest at 7.40% per annum through
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2003, with a principal payment of \$325,000 due in 2003, secured by land and building (Note 7) 442 491
Note payable, assumed in acquisition, payable in monthly installments of \$5,116, including interest at 8.25% per annum through 2001 5 64
Capitalized equipment leases, assumed in acquisition, with variable monthly installments, including interest at 11.5% per annum through 2000, secured by equipment
4,447 7,015
Less portion due within one year 2,939 2,783
\$ 1,508 \$ 4,232

Maturities on long-term debt are summarized as follows at December 31, 2000 (in thousands):

#### Year ending December 31,

2001	\$ 2,939
2002	1,160
2003	348
2004	=
2005	-
	\$ 4,447

### 9. Savings Plan

The Company has a Section 401(k) employee savings plan for the benefit of its eligible employees. All employees 21 years of age or older become eligible to participate in the savings plan upon completion of 1,000 hours of service in any consecutive 12-month period following the initial date of employment. Employees covered under a co-employer ("PEO") contract receive credit for prior employment with the PEO client for purposes of meeting savings plan service eligibility. The determination of Company contributions to the plan, if any, is subject to the sole discretion of the Company.

Participants' interests in Company contributions to the plan vest over a seven-year period. Company contributions to the plan, before participants' forfeitures, were \$102,000, \$125,000 and \$104,000 for the years ended December 31, 2000, 1999 and 1998, respectively.

Recent attention has been placed by the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") and the staff leasing industry on Internal Revenue Code Section 401(k) plans sponsored by staff leasing companies. As such, the tax-exempt status of the Company's plan is subject to continuing scrutiny and approval by the IRS and to the Company's ability to support to the IRS the Company's employer-employee relationship with leased employees. In the event the tax-exempt status were to be discontinued and the plan were to be disqualified, the operations of the Company could be adversely affected. The Company has not recorded any provision for this potential contingency, as the Company and its legal counsel cannot presently estimate either the likelihood of disqualification or the resulting range of loss, if any.

### 10. Commitments

#### Lease commitments

The Company leases its offices under operating lease agreements that require minimum annual payments as follows (in thousands):

#### Year ending December 31.

2001	\$ 1,515
2002	964
2003	307
2004	88
2005	82
	\$ 2,956

Rent expense for the years ended December 31, 2000, 1999 and 1998 was approximately \$1,871,000, \$1,780,000 and \$1,369,000, respectively.

### 11. Income Taxes

The provisions for income taxes are as follows

(in thousands)	Year ended December 31				
	2000	1999	1998		
Current;	<del></del> _				
Federal	\$ 2,019	\$ 2,796	\$ 2,571		
State	598_	732	675		
	2,617	3,528	3,246		
Deferred:		_ <del></del>			
Federal	(965)	135	(255)		
State	(206)	21	(68)		
<b>7</b>	<u>(1,171)</u>	156	(323)		
Total provision	\$ 1,446	\$ 3,684	\$ 2,923		

Deferred tax assets (liabilities) are comprised of the following components (in thousands):

	2000	1999
Gross deferred tax assets:		
Workers' compensation claims		
and safety incentive liabilities	\$ 2,206	\$ 1,640
Allowance for doubtful accounts	205	130
Amortization of intangibles	519	380
Deferred compensation	408	167
Other	_ 289	147
	3,627	2,464
Gross deferred tax liabilities:		
Tax depreciation in excess of		
book depreciation	(86)	(94)
Net deferred tax assets	\$ 3,541	\$ 2,370

### 6. Workers' Compensation Claims and Safety Incentive Liabilities (Continued)

the United States Department of Labor for longshore and harbor ("USL&H") workers' coverage.

The Company has provided \$5,274,000 and \$4,219,000 at December 31, 2000 and 1999, respectively, as an estimated liability for unsettled workers' compensation claims and safety incentive liabilities. The estimated liability for unsettled workers' compensation claims represents management's best estimate, which includes, in part, an evaluation of information actuary. Included in the claims liabilities are case reserve estimates for reported losses, plus additional amounts based on projections for incurred but not reported claims, anticipated increases in case reserve estimates and additional claims administration expenses. The estimated liability for safety incentives represents management's best estimate for future amounts owed to PEO client companies as a result of maintaining workers' compensation claims costs below certain agreedupon amounts, which are based on a percentage of payroll. These estimates are continually reviewed and adjustments to liabilities are reflected in current operating results as they become known. The Company believes that the difference between amounts recorded for its estimated liabilities and the possible range of costs of settling related claims is not material to results of operations; nevertheless, it is reasonably possible that adjustments required in future periods may be material to results of operations.

Liabilities incurred for work-related employee fatalities are recorded either at an agreed lump-sum settlement amount or the net present value of future fixed and determinable payments over the actuarially determined remaining life of the beneficiary, discounted at a rate that approximates a long-term, high-quality corporate bond rate. The Company has obtained excess workers' compensation insurance to limit its self-insurance exposure to \$350,000 per occurrence in all states, except \$500,000 per occurrence for USL&H exposure. The excess insurance provides unlimited coverage above the aforementioned exposures.

At December 31, 2000, the Company's long-term workers' compensation claim liabilities in the accompanying balance sheet include \$682,000 for work-related catastrophic injuries and fatalities. The aggregate undiscounted pay-out amount of the catastrophic injuries and fatalities is \$1,515,000. The actuarially determined pay-out periods to the beneficiaries range from 6 to 41 years. As a result, the five-year cash requirements related to these claims are immaterial.

The United States Department of Labor and the states of Oregon, Maryland, Washington, and California require the Company to maintain specified investment balances or other financial instruments, totaling \$6,241,000 at December 31, 2000 and \$7,735,000 at December 31, 1999, to cover potential claims losses. In partial satisfaction of these requirements, at December 31, 2000, the Company has provided standby letters of credit in the amount of

\$1,952,000 and surety bonds totaling \$457,000. The investments are included in restricted marketable securities and workers' compensation deposits in the accompanying balance sheets.

### 7. Credit Facility

Effective May 31, 2000, the Company renewed its loan agreement (the "Agreement") with its principal bank, which provided for (a) an unsecured revolving credit facility for working capital purposes and standby letters of credit up to \$15,000,000, (b) a term real estate loan (Note 8) and (c) a three-year term loan (Note 8) in the amount of \$8,000,000. The Agreement expires on May 31, 2001. The interest rate options available on outstanding balances under the revolving credit facility at December, 31, 2000, included (i) prime rate, (ii) Federal Funds Rate plus 1.25% or (iii) LIBOR plus 1.00%. The interest rate options available under the three-year term loan include (i) prime rate or (ii) LIBOR plus 1.35%.

Terms and conditions of the Agreement included, among others, certain restrictive quarterly financial covenants relating to the Company's current ratio, earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA"), a ratio of borrowed funds plus capitalized lease obligations to EBITDA and an EBITDA coverage ratio. Effective September 30, 2000, the Company negotiated an accommodation to reduce the restrictiveness of one quarterly financial covenant and, in consideration, agreed to the imposition of an additional financial covenant. As a result of a financial covenant violation as of December 31, 2000, the Company, subsequent to year end, renegotiated with its bank several amendments to the provisions of the Agreement in exchange for the bank's agreement to waive the covenant violation. Effective March 12, 2001, the principal terms and conditions of the Agreement, as amended, include a reduction in the total amount available under the revolving credit facility from \$15 million to the lesser of (i) \$13 million or (ii) 65 percent of total trade accounts receivable at the end of any fiscal quarter, a security interest in all trade accounts receivable, and the conversion of an interest rate option from Federal Funds Rate plus 1.25% to prime rate less 1.70%, which management believes should not be materially adverse to the Company. Due to the bank's secured position, the bank agreed to reduce the restrictiveness of certain financial covenants. As a result of the bank-provided waiver, the Company was in compliance with all financial covenants as of December 31, 2000.

During the year ended December 31, 2000, the maximum balance outstanding under the revolving credit facility was \$8,754,000, the average balance outstanding was \$3,404,000, and the weighted average interest rate during the period was 7.70%. The weighted average interest rate during 2000 was calculated using daily weighted averages.

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