

July 15, 2004



Barrett Business Services, Inc. Announces Step Up to Nasdaq's National Market

PORTLAND, Ore., July 15 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Barrett Business

Services, Inc. (Nasdaq: BBSI) has received approval from The Nasdaq Stock Market for its common stock to be traded on the National Market rather than the SmallCap Market, where the stock has traded since June 20, 2001. The step up to the National Market will be effective as of the open of regular trading on Monday, July 19, 2004 and the Company's shares will continue to trade under the symbol BBSI.

BBSI provides human resource management solutions to large and small companies throughout many regions of the United States.

SOURCE Barrett Business Services, Inc.

-0-

07/15/2004

/CONTACT: William W. Sherertz, President and Chief Executive Officer of Barrett Business Services, Inc., +1-503-220-0988/
/Web site: <http://www.barrettbusiness.com> /
(BBSI)

CO: Barrett Business Services, Inc.

ST: Oregon

IN: FIN

SU:

TX-GK

-- SFTH088 --

8172 07/15/2004 15:12 EDT <http://www.prnewswire.com>