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Barrett Business Services, Inc. Announces Increase in Stock Repurchase Program

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 11 /PRNewswire/ -- Barrett Business Services, Inc.

(Nasdaq: BBSI) board of directors has authorized the repurchase of up to an additional 200,000 common shares under the Company's stock repurchase program from time to time in open market purchases. This action increases the total number of common shares authorized for repurchase from 250,000 to 450,000.

William W. Sherertz, President and Chief Executive Officer stated that:

"This decision clearly reflects our continuing belief that the company's stock represents an outstanding investment opportunity."

Barrett Business Services, Inc. is a human resource management company

with offices in ten states.

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