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Barrett Business Services, Inc. Announces a Change to the SmallCap Market Of Nasdaq

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Barrett Business Services, Inc. (Nasdaq: BBSI) announces that its application to The Nasdaq Stock Market to transfer the listing of the Company's common stock from the National Market tier to the SmallCap Market listing tier has been accepted, effective at the opening of business on June 20, 2001.

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

"The listing requirements of the SmallCap Market are more closely aligned with the current market capitalization of our Company. We expect this change to be completely transparent to our shareholders."

Barrett Business Services, Inc. is a human resource management company with offices in ten states serving customers throughout 22 states. For 2000, Barrett reported revenues of \$322.5 million and net income of \$2.1 million.

Statements in this release about future events or performance are forward-looking statements, which involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual results of the Company to be materially different from any future results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Factors that could affect future results include economic conditions in the Company's service areas, the effect of changes in the Company's mix of services on gross margin, and future workers' compensation claims experience, among others. Although forward-looking statements help to provide complete information about the

Company, readers should keep in mind that forward-looking statements may be less reliable than historical information.

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