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BBSI Declares First Quarterly Cash Dividend and New Stock Repurchase Program

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov 16, 2006 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Barrett Business Services, Inc. (Nasdaq:BBSI) announced today that

its board of directors has approved the Company's first regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.07 per share. The cash dividend will be paid on December 21, 2006 to all stockholders of record as of November 30, 2006.

The Company also announced that its board adopted a new stock repurchase program and authorized the repurchase of up to 500,000 shares from time to time in open market purchases, as the Company deems appropriate.

William W. Sherertz, President and Chief Executive Officer, stated that: "These actions demonstrate our belief that the Company's prospects for the future are strong."

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, the Company's ability to successfully

integrate acquired businesses with its existing operations, future workers' compensation claims experience, the effect of changes in the workers' compensation regulatory environment in one or more of our primary markets, collectibility of accounts receivable, and the use of net proceeds of approximately \$33 million from the Company's 2005 follow-on equity offering, among others. Other important factors that may affect the Company's future prospects are described in the Company's 2005 Annual Report on Form 10-K. 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. The Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise forward-looking statements in this release to reflect events or changes in circumstances that occur after the date of this release.

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

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