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Barrett Business Services, Inc. Announces Acquisition of JRL Services, Inc.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 14 /PRNewsire/ -- Barrett Business Services, Inc.

(Nasdaq: BBSI) announced today that it has acquired certain assets of JRL Services, Inc., dba TLC Staffing located in Tucson, Arizona, for \$150,000 in cash.

TLC Staffing's annual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1996 were approximately \$800,000. The predominantly clerical staffing business of TLC will be combined with Barrett's existing Tucson office.

Barrett Business Services, Inc. is a human resource management company with offices in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, Arizona, Michigan, Maryland and Delaware. Barrett reported revenues of \$215.8 million and net

income of \$5.0 million for 1996.

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