UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

July 25, 2007

BARRETT BUSINESS SERVICES, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-21886 (SEC File Number)

52-0812977 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

8100 N.E. Parkway Drive, Suite 200 Vancouver, Washington (Address of principal executive offices)

98662 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(360) 828-0700

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On July 25, 2007, Barrett Business Services, Inc. (the "Company"), issued a news release announcing its financial results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2007, and limited financial guidance for the third quarter ending September 30, 2007. A copy of the news release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and incorporated by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits: The following exhibit is furnished with this Form 8-K:

99.1 News Release dated July 25, 2007.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

BARRETT BUSINESS SERVICES, INC.

Dated: July 25, 2007

By: /s/ Michael D. Mulholland Michael D. Mulholland Vice President – Finance, Treasurer and Secretary

NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

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ANNOUNCES SECOND QUARTER 2007 OPERATING RESULTS, FINANCIAL GUIDANCE FOR 3Q07 AND CONFERENCE CALL

VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON, July 25, 2007 - Barrett Business Services, Inc. (Nasdaq: BBSI) reported today net income of \$4.9 million for the second quarter ended June 30, 2007, an improvement of \$693,000 or 16.5% over net income of \$4,188,000 for the second quarter of 2006. Diluted earnings per share for the 2007 second quarter were \$.42, as compared to diluted earnings per share of \$.36 for the same quarter a year ago.

Net revenues for the second quarter ended June 30, 2007 totaled \$63.9 million, a decrease of approximately \$769,000 or 1.2% from the \$64.7 million for the same quarter in 2006.

| | (Unaudited) | | (Unaudited) | | | |
|---|----------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|--|--|
| (\$ in thousands, except per share amounts) | Second Quarter Ended | | Six Months Ended | | | |
| | June | : 30, | June | : 30, | | |
| Results of Operations | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | | |
| Revenues: | | | | | | |
| Staffing services | \$ 29,747 | \$ 30,567 | \$ 57,762 | \$ 57,228 | | |
| Professional employer service fees | 34,139 | 34,088 | 66,712 | 65,712 | | |
| Total revenues | 63,886 | 64,655 | 124,474 | 122,940 | | |
| Cost of revenues: | | | | | | |
| Direct payroll costs | 22,416 | 22,831 | 43,558 | 42,682 | | |
| Payroll taxes and benefits | 20,542 | 20,437 | 44,453 | 43,274 | | |
| Workers' compensation | 5,964 | 7,198 | 11,808 | 13,752 | | |
| Total cost of revenues | 48,922 | 50,466 | 99,819 | 99,708 | | |
| Gross margin | 14,964 | 14,189 | 24,655 | 23,232 | | |
| Selling, general and administrative | | | | | | |
| expenses | 7,727 | 7,882 | 15,115 | 15,102 | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 316 | 329 | 665 | 630 | | |
| Income from operations | 6,921 | 5,978 | 8,875 | 7,500 | | |
| Other income, net | 790 | 670 | 1,575 | 1,302 | | |
| Income before taxes | 7,711 | 6,648 | 10,450 | 8,802 | | |
| Provision for income taxes | 2,830 | 2,460 | 3,841 | 3,257 | | |
| Net income | \$ 4,881 | \$ 4,188 | \$ 6,609 | \$ 5,545 | | |
| Basic earnings per share | \$.43 | \$.37 | \$.58 | \$.50 | | |
| Weighted average basic shares | | | | | | |
| outstanding | 11,263 | 11,203 | 11,259 | 11,140 | | |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$.42 | \$.36 | \$.57 | \$.48 | | |
| Weighted average diluted shares | | | | | | |
| outstanding | 11,690 | 11,683 | 11,686 | 11,672 | | |

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The Company reports its Professional Employer Organization services ("PEO") revenues on a net basis because it is not the primary obligor for the services provided by the Company's PEO clients to their customers. The gross revenues and cost of revenues information below, although not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), is presented for comparison purposes and because management believes such information is more informative as to the level of the Company's business activity and more useful in managing its operations.

| (in thousands) | (Unaudited) Second Quarter Ended June 30, | | (Unaudited) Six Months Ended June 30, | | / | | | |
|--------------------------------|---|----|---|------|---------|----|---------|--|
| | 2007 | | 2006 | 2007 | | | 2006 | |
| Revenues: | | | | | | | | |
| Staffing services | \$ 29,747 | \$ | 30,567 | \$ | 57,762 | \$ | 57,228 | |
| Professional employer services | 237,957 | | 226,845 | | 467,470 | | 435,519 | |
| Total revenues | 267,704 | | 257,412 | | 525,232 | | 492,747 | |
| Cost of revenues: | | | | | | | | |
| Direct payroll costs | 224,605 | | 214,247 | | 441,233 | | 410,212 | |
| Payroll taxes and benefits | 20,542 | | 20,437 | | 44,453 | | 43,274 | |
| Workers' compensation | 7,593 | | 8,539 | | 14,891 | | 16,029 | |
| Total cost of revenues | 252,740 | | 243,223 | | 500,577 | | 469,515 | |
| Gross margin | \$ 14,964 | \$ | 14,189 | \$ | 24,655 | \$ | 23,232 | |

Gross revenues of \$267.7 million for the second quarter ended June 30, 2007 rose 4.0% over the similar period in 2006. For the first six months of 2007, gross revenues of \$525.2 million increased 6.6% over the comparable 2006 period.

A reconciliation of non-GAAP gross revenues to net revenues is as follows:

For the second quarters ended June 30, 2007 and 2006:

| | (Unaudited) Three Months Ended June 30, | | | | | |
|-------------------|--|--------------------|------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| (in thousands) | | evenue g Method | Reclassification | | Net Revenue Reporting Method | |
| | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 |
| Revenues: | | | | | | |
| Staffing services | \$ 29,747 | \$ 30,567 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 29,747 | \$ 30,567 |
| Professional | | | | | | |
| employer services | 237,957 | 226,845 | (203,818) | (192,757) | 34,139 | 34,088 |
| Total revenues | \$ 267,704 | \$ 257,412 | \$ (203,818) | \$ (192,757) | \$ 63,886 | \$ 64,655 |
| Cost of revenues | \$ 252,740 | \$ 243,223 | \$ (203,818) | \$ (192,757) | \$ 48,922 | \$ 50,466 |

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For the six months ended June 30, 2007 and 2006:

| | (Unaudited) Six Months Ended June 30, | | | | | |
|-------------------|--|--------------------|------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| (in thousands) | 0.0001 | evenue g Method | Reclassification | | Net Revenue Reporting Method | |
| | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 |
| Revenues: | | | | | | |
| Staffing services | \$ 57,762 | \$ 57,228 | \$ — | \$ | \$ 57,762 | \$ 57,228 |
| Professional | | | | | | |
| employer services | 467,470 | 435,519 | (400,758) | (369,807) | 66,712 | 65,712 |
| Total revenues | \$ 525,232 | \$ 492,747 | \$ (400,758) | \$ (369,807) | \$124,474 | \$122,940 |
| Cost of revenues | \$ 500,577 | \$ 469,515 | \$ (400,758) | \$ (369,807) | \$ 99,819 | \$ 99,708 |

William W. Sherertz, President and Chief Executive Officer, commented: "We are pleased with our record second quarter earnings and anticipate a stronger performance in the third quarter."

The following summarizes the unaudited consolidated balance sheets at June 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006.

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| (in thousands) Assets | June 30, 2007 | December 31, 2006 |
|---|------------------|-------------------|
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 71,025 | \$ 69,874 |
| Marketable securities | 3,625 | 3,159 |
| Trade accounts receivable, net | 36,906 | 31,328 |
| Prepaid expenses and other | 2,109 | 1,940 |
| Deferred income taxes | 4,182 | 4,699 |
| Workers' compensation receivables for insured claims | 225 | 225 |
| Total current assets | 118,072 | 111,225 |
| Marketable securities | 411 | 406 |
| Goodwill, net | 28,036 | 27,536 |
| Intangibles, net | 62 | 75 |
| Property, equipment and software, net | 13,279 | 13,502 |
| Restricted marketable securities and workers' compensation deposits | 2,656 | 2,616 |
| Other assets | 1,893 | 2,143 |
| Workers' compensation receivables for insured claims | 4,295 | 4,678 |
| | \$ 168,704 | \$ 162,181 |

| Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity | | |
|--|-----------|------------|
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 1,327 | \$ 1,545 |
| Accrued payroll, payroll taxes and related benefits | 34,788 | 33,372 |
| Income taxes payable | 847 | _ |
| Other accrued liabilities | 937 | 516 |
| Workers' compensation claims liabilities | 3,253 | 3,843 |
| Workers' compensation claims liabilities for insured claims | 225 | 225 |
| Safety incentives liabilities | 7,815 | 7,519 |
| Total current liabilities | 49,192 | 47,020 |
| Customer deposits | 689 | 817 |
| Long-term workers' compensation claims liabilities | 3,976 | 5,295 |
| Long-term workers' compensation liabilities for insured claims | 2,931 | 3,011 |
| Deferred income taxes | 2,449 | 1,545 |
| Deferred gain on sale and leaseback | 732 | 793 |
| Stockholders' equity | 108,735 | 103,700 |
| | \$168,704 | \$ 162,181 |

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Outlook for Third Quarter 2007

The Company also disclosed today limited financial guidance with respect to its operating results for the third quarter ending September 30, 2007. The Company expects gross revenues for the third quarter of 2007 to range from \$296 million to \$302 million, an increase of approximately 9.2% over the third quarter of 2006, and anticipates diluted earnings per share for the third quarter of 2007 to range from \$.56 to \$.59 per share, an increase of approximately 19.8% over the \$.48 per share for the same period a year ago. These projected operating results include the effect of the July 2, 2007 acquisition of Strategic Staffing, Inc. A reconciliation of estimated gross revenues to estimated GAAP net revenues for the third quarter of 2007 is not included because PEO revenues and cost of PEO revenues for the period are not reasonably estimable.

Conference Call

On July 26 at 9:00 a.m. Pacific Time, William W. Sherertz and Michael D. Mulholland will host an investor telephone conference call to discuss second quarter 2007 operating results. To participate in the call, dial (877) 356-3717. The call identification number is 7359648. The conference call will also be webcast live at <u>www.barretbusiness.com</u>. To access the webcast, click on the Investor Relations section of the Web site and select Webcast. A replay of the call will be available beginning Thursday, July 26, 2007 at 12:00 p.m. PT and ending on August 2, 2007. To listen to the recording, dial (800) 642-1687 and enter conference identification code 7359648.

Statements in this release about future events or performance, including earnings expectations for the third quarter of 2007, 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 its primary markets and the collectibility of accounts receivable, among others. Other important factors that may affect the Company's future prospects are described in the Company's 2006 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.

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