



November 22, 2011

Submitted on EDGAR under "CORRESP"

Mr. Larry Spigel, Assistant Director
Ms. Kathryn Jacobson, Staff Accountant
Division of Corporation Finance
Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, NE
Washington, DC 20549

Subject: Barrett Business Services, Inc.
Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010
Filed April 1, 2011
File No. 0-21886

Dear Mr. Spigel and Ms. Jacobson:

We are in receipt of your additional comment letter dated November 10, 2011, regarding the subject filing. We request an extension to provide our written response until December 2, 2011, due to scheduling conflicts arising out of the upcoming holiday.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jo D. Miller", is written over a light gray rectangular background.

James D. Miller
Vice President-Finance

