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

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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):

April 23, 2013

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 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

□ 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 April 23, 2013, Barrett Business Services, Inc. (the "Company"), issued a news release announcing its financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2013, and limited financial guidance for the second quarter ending June 30, 2013. 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 April 23, 2013.

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.

By:

BARRETT BUSINESS SERVICES, INC.

Dated: April 23, 2013

/s/ James D. Miller James D. Miller Vice President-Finance, Treasurer and Secretary



BBSI Reports First Quarter 2013 Financial Results

- Q1 Net Revenues Up 35% to \$112 Million; Non-GAAP Gross Revenues Up 37% to \$591 Million -

VANCOUVER, Washington, April 23, 2013 – Barrett Business Services, Inc. ("BBSI" or the "Company") (NASDAQ: BBSI), a leading provider of business management solutions, reported financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2013.

First Quarter 2013 Financial Summary vs. Year-Ago Quarter

- · Net revenues up 35% to \$111.6 million
- · Gross revenues up 37% to \$591.2 million
- Net loss of \$2.5 million or \$(0.36) per diluted share compared to a net loss of \$2.2 million or \$(0.22) per diluted share

First Quarter 2013 Financial Results

Net revenues in the first quarter of 2013 increased 35% to \$111.6 million compared to \$82.4 million in the first quarter of 2012.

Total non-GAAP gross revenues in the first quarter of 2013 increased 37% to \$591.2 million compared to \$432.1 million in the first quarter of 2012 (see "Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures" below). The increase is due primarily to the continued build in the Company's co-employed client count and same-store sales growth.

Net loss for the first quarter was \$2.5 million or \$(0.36) per diluted share compared to a net loss of \$2.2 million or \$(0.22) per diluted share in the year-ago quarter. The first quarter of 2013 reflected approximately 3.0 million fewer common shares outstanding when compared to the year-ago quarter due to the Company's repurchase of approximately 2.5 million shares from the Estate of William W. Sherertz, as well as 500,000 shares from Nancy Sherertz, on March 28, 2012. The Company historically incurs losses in the first quarter due to the higher effective payroll taxes at the beginning of each year.

On March 31, 2013, the Company's cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities totaled \$78.3 million compared to \$72.4 million at December 31, 2012. At March 31, 2013, the Company had no outstanding borrowings on its revolving credit facility.

Management Commentary

"The solid momentum we built throughout 2012 continued into the first quarter of 2013, as shown by our fifth consecutive quarter of gross revenue growth greater than 30%," said Michael Elich, president and CEO of BBSI. "This growth can be attributed to a variety of factors, including continued strength in our referral channels, our high client retention rate and the maturation of our brand in the marketplace. Given this acceleration, we will continue to prudently invest in our operational infrastructure and professional talent throughout 2013 to support a much larger organization as we grow."

Second Quarter 2013 Outlook

For the second quarter of 2013, the Company expects gross revenues to grow at least 28% to between \$630 million and \$635 million compared to \$494.1 million for the second quarter of 2012. Diluted income per common share in the second quarter of 2013 is expected to range between \$0.68 and \$0.72 compared to \$0.53 in the second quarter of 2012.

Conference Call

BBSI will host a conference call tomorrow, Wednesday, April 24, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. Eastern time (9:00 a.m. Pacific time) to discuss its financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2013. The Company's president and CEO Michael Elich and CFO James Miller will host the call, followed by a question and answer period.

Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2013 Time: 12:00 p.m. Eastern time (9:00 a.m. Pacific time) Dial-In Number: 1-877-941-4774 International: 1-480-629-9760 Conference ID: 4612603

Please call the conference telephone number 5-10 minutes prior to the start time. An operator will register your name and organization. If you have any difficulty connecting with the conference call, please contact Liolios Group at 1-949-574-3860. The conference call will be broadcast live and available for replay at http://public.viavid.com/index.php?id=104171 and via BBSI's investor relations section of the Company's website at www.barrettbusiness.com.

A replay of the call will be available after 3:00 p.m. Eastern time on the same day through May 24, 2013.

Toll-free replay number: 1-877-870-5176 International replay number: 1-858-384-5517 Replay ID: 4612603

Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In addition to the results prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), the Company is disclosing non-GAAP gross revenues.

The Company reports its Professional Employer Service revenues on a net basis because it is not the primary obligor for the services provided by the Company's co-employed clients to their customers. The gross revenues and cost of revenues information below, although not in accordance with 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) First Quarter Ended March 31,				
	_	2013		2012		
Revenues:						
Professional employer services	\$	561,483	\$	405,851		
Staffing services		29,733		26,210		
Total revenues		591,216		432,061		
Cost of revenues:						
Direct payroll costs		498,738		366,934		
Payroll taxes and benefits		59,123		42,992		
Workers' compensation		25,044		15,578		
Total cost of revenues		582,905		425,504		
Gross margin	<u>\$</u>	8,311	\$	6,557		

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

					(Unaud	lited)					
					Three Months Er	nded Ma	rch 31,				
	 Gross I	Revenue							Net R	evenue	
(in thousands)	 Reportin	g Methoo	ł	Reclassification		Reporting Method					
	2013		2012	2013 2012		2012		2013	2012		
Revenues:	 										
Professional											
employer services	\$ 561,483	\$	405,851	\$	(479,665)	\$	(349,639)	\$	81,818	\$	56,212
Staffing services	29,733		26,210		-		-		29,733		26,210
Total revenues	\$ 591,216	\$	432,061	\$	(479,665)	\$	(349,639)	\$	111,551	\$	82,422
Cost of revenues	\$ 582,905	\$	425,504	\$	(479,665)	\$	(349,639)	\$	103,240	\$	75,865

About BBSI

BBSI (NASDAQ: BBSI) is a leading provider of business management solutions, combining human resource outsourcing and professional management consulting to create a unique operational platform that differentiates it from competitors. The Company's integrated platform is built upon expertise in payroll processing, employee benefits, workers' compensation coverage, risk management and workplace safety programs, and human resource administration. BBSI's partnerships help small to mid-sized businesses improve the efficiency of their operations. BBSI works with more than 3,000 clients across all lines of business in 23 states. For more information, please visit www.barrettbusiness.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

Statements in this release about future events or performance, including gross revenues and earnings expectations for the second quarter of 2013, 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 retain current clients and attract new clients, the availability of financing or other sources of capital, future workers' compensation claims experience, the effect of changes in the workers' compensation regulatory environment in one or more of the Company's primary markets, the collectability of accounts receivable, and the effect of conditions in the global capital markets on the Company's investment portfolio, among others. Other important factors that may affect the Company's future prospects are described in the Company's 2012 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 are 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.

Barrett Business Services, Inc. Condensed Balance Sheets (Unaudited)

(in thousands)	М	March 31, 2013		December 31, 2012	
Assets					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	48,015	\$	45,747	
Marketable securities		18,987		16,748	
Trade accounts receivable, net		70,292		63,921	
Income taxes receivable		7,187		-	
Prepaid expenses and other		4,036		4,854	
Deferred income taxes		8,150		8,148	
Total current assets		156,667		139,418	
Marketable securities		11,276		9,899	
Property, equipment and software, net		19,228		18,489	
Restricted marketable securities and workers' compensation deposits		10,583		9,726	
Other assets		3,292		3,509	
Goodwill		47,820		47,820	
	\$	248,866	\$	228,861	
	-		-		
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity					
Current liabilities:					
Line of credit	\$	-	\$	4,532	
Accounts payable		2,482		1,995	
Accrued payroll, payroll taxes and related benefits		89,493		69,568	
Income taxes payable		-		272	
Other accrued liabilities		468		306	
Workers' compensation claims liabilities		26,084		24,541	
Safety incentives liabilities		10,288		9,842	
Current portion of long-term debt		220		220	
Total current liabilities		129,035		111,276	
Long-term workers' compensation claims liabilities		51,128		46,023	
Long term debt		5,219		5,273	
Deferred income taxes		10,607		10,607	
Customer deposits and other long-term liabilities		1,779		1,786	
Stockholders' equity		51,098		53,896	
	\$	248,866	\$	228,861	
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Barrett Business Services, Inc. Consolidated Statements of Operations

(in thousands, except per share amounts)		(Unaudited) First Quarter Ended March 31,				
	2013	3	2012			
Revenues:						
Professional employer service fees	\$	81,818 \$	56,212			
Staffing services		29,733	26,210			
Total revenues		111,551	82,422			
Cost of revenues:						
Direct payroll costs		22,296	19,652			
Payroll taxes and benefits		59,123	42,992			
Workers' compensation		21,821	13,221			
Total cost of revenues		103,240	75,865			
Gross margin		8,311	6,557			
Selling, general and administrative expenses		11,811	9,762			
Depreciation and amortization		460	348			
Loss from operations		(3,960)	(3,553)			
Other income, net		87	215			
Loss before taxes		(3,873)	(3,338)			
Benefit from income taxes		(1,324)	(1,125)			
Net loss	\$	(2,549) \$	(2,213)			
Basic loss per common share	\$	(0.36) \$	(0.22)			
Weighted average basic common shares outstanding		7,022	9,875			
Diluted loss per common share	\$	(0.36) \$	(0.22)			
Weighted average diluted common shares outstanding		7,022	9,875			

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