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| Form 8-K | |
| July 23, 2009 | |
| 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 22, 2009 | |
| 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 | 98662 |
| (Address of principal executive offices) Registrant s telephone number, including area code: | (Zip Code) |
| (360) 828-0700 | |
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O Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On July 22, 2009, Barrett Business Services, Inc. (the "Company"), issued a news release announcing that it expects to record an increase to its workers' compensation reserve of approximately \$11.8 million pre-tax, or \$7.4 million after tax equating to approximately \$.72 per share, in the 2009 second quarter as a result of management's change in estimate of the ultimate cost of the Company's self-insured workers' compensation claim liabilities related to prior year injury claims. Approximately \$8.4 million, or 71%, of the increase relates to 2005 and 2006 injury claims. Loss per diluted share, after taking into account the effect of the increase in the workers' compensation reserve, is expected to range from \$.65 to \$.66. 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.

Dated: July 22, 2009

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

99.1 News Release dated July 22, 2009. 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.

By: /s/ James D. Miller

James D. Miller

Vice President-Finance, Treasurer and Secretary