

Newtek Small Business Finance, LLC Ranked as 5th Most Active SBA 7(a) Lender Among Banks and Non-Banks

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Maintains Position as Largest Non-Bank SBA 7(a) Lender

LAKE SUCCESS, N.Y., Oct. 29, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Newtek Business Services Corp. ("Newtek" or the "Company") (NASDAQ: NEWT), an internally managed business development company ("BDC"), today announced that Newtek Small Business Finance, LLC ("NSBF"), its wholly owned subsidiary, ranked as the #5 most active SBA 7(a) lender by dollar volume of approved loans among all banks and non-banks for the 12-month period ended September 30, 2018, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration. This ranking improved from last year's #7 ranking over the same time period. In addition, NSBF maintained its position as the largest non-bank SBA 7(a) lender by dollar volume of approved loans for the same period.

Barry Sloane, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, commented, "NSBF's top-tier ranking of 5 th among all bank and non-bank lenders is testament to our state-of-the-art technology and operational efficiencies in our lending platform, which allows us to sort through the ever-growing number of lending referrals we are receiving. Our lending referrals in the third quarter of 2018 nearly doubled to \$5.0 billion over the same period last year, contributing significantly to our SBA 7(a) loan fundings of \$122.4 million for the third quarter of 2018. We expect to continue to see growth in both of these metrics throughout the remainder of 2018, and maintain our full year 2018 SBA 7(a) loan fundings forecast of between \$465 million and \$485 million, which would represent an approximate 23% increase, at the midpoint of the range, over SBA 7(a) loan fundings for the year ended December 31, 2017."

About Newtek Business Services Corp.

Newtek Business Services Corp., Your Business Solutions Company[®], is an internally managed BDC, which along with its controlled portfolio companies, provides a wide range of business services and financial products under the Newtek[®] brand to the small- and medium-sized business ("SMB") market. Since 1999, Newtek has provided state-of-the-art, cost-efficient products and services and efficient business strategies to SMB accounts across all 50 states to help them grow their sales, control their expenses and reduce their risk.

Newtek's and its portfolio companies' products and services include: Business Lending, SBA Lending Solutions, Electronic Payment Processing, Technology Solutions (Cloud Computing, Data Backup, Storage and Retrieval, IT Consulting), eCommerce, Accounts Receivable Financing & Inventory Financing, The Newtek Advantage, Insurance Solutions, Web Services, and Payroll and Benefits Solutions.

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