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Small Business Economy Lacks Confidence Needed For Growth

NEW YORK, Oct. 1, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- [Newtek Business Services, Inc.](#) NASDAQ: NEWT, [The Small Business Authority](#)[®], with a portfolio of over 100,000 business accounts, announced today the findings of its SB Authority Market Sentiment Survey, a monthly window into the concerns of independent business owners. Based on a poll of over 1,300 respondents, the key finding from the September survey is 93% of business owners have not been denied access to a traditional bank loan. Additionally, 89% of business owners do not need capital to expand, advertise, or purchase inventory.

The full September 2014 results showed the following:

Poll Question	Poll Answer	Percentage
Has your company been denied access to a traditional bank loan?	Yes	7%
	No	93%
Does your business need capital to expand, advertise or purchase inventory?	Yes	11%
	No	89%

Barry Sloane, Chairman, President and CEO of [The Small Business Authority](#)[®] commented, "Over the course of the life of their business, most clients need to borrow money very few times - so the majority response to our first question is not totally surprising. However, when we asked the second question about needing capital for growth, it is somewhat surprising as it depicts a business environment that is still lacking the confidence and the will to borrow and be forward thinking about a robust economy or satisfying additional demand for their products. Hopefully, for the small business owner and the economy, this will change in the near future."

About Newtek Business Services, Inc.

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