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## Modest Growth Trend Continues In Small Business Economy

### Newtek, The Small Business Authority®, Releases the February 2014 SB Authority Index

NEW YORK, April 1, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- [Newtek Business Services, Inc.](#) NASDAQ: NEWT, [The Small Business Authority®](#), announced today the release of the SB Authority Index of small business indicators for February 2014 reaching 125.60 points. The Russell Microcap Index, new business formations and approved SBA lending volumes led the increase. The SB Authority Index is up 0.42% from January 2014. On a year-over-year comparison, the SB Authority Index is up 7.29%.

Barry Sloane, Chairman, President and CEO of [The Small Business Authority®](#) commented, "The small- to medium-sized business economy continues to show modest growth, although our data derived from consumer spending in January and February was quite tepid. Consumer spending, which represents approximately 65% of GDP, has demonstrated weaknesses in two of our components in both January and February, and while this may be partially related to weather, we do not believe the weak consumer spending in the first two months of the quarter can be entirely attributable to the cold and snow. Fortunately for the economy, businesses have become more optimistic as the drag of the long recession has started to wane."



#### About Newtek Business Services, Inc.

Newtek Business Services, Inc., [The Small Business Authority®](#), is a direct distributor of a wide range of business services and financial products to the small- and medium-sized business market under the Newtek brand including:

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provides its services to over 100,000 business accounts and has positioned the Newtek brand as a one-stop-shop provider of such business services. According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, there are over 27.5 million small businesses in the United States, which in total represent 99.7% of all employer firms.

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