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## Majority of Business Owners Optimistic Regarding U.S. Economy in 2016

NEW YORK, Jan. 12, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Newtek Business Services Corp., (NASDAQ:NEWT) ([www.thesba.com](http://www.thesba.com)) [The Small Business Authority](#)<sup>®</sup>, 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 960 respondents, the key finding from the December survey is 53% of business owners are optimistic about the U.S. Economy going into 2016.

The full December 2015 results showed the following:

Poll Question	Poll Answer	2015 Percentage
Going into 2016, regarding the U.S. Economy, are you:	More optimistic	53%
	More pessimistic	16%
	Neutral	31%

Barry Sloane, Chairman, President and CEO of [The Small Business Authority](#)<sup>®</sup> commented, "We wonder whether or not our independent business owners, if polled in January given current events including a significant decline in domestic and global stock markets, would be quite as optimistic looking into 2016. The United States' government economic statistics report a lower decline in the unemployment rate and an increase in non-farm payroll, both of which have seasonal adjustment factors which can skew data. The decline in commodity prices, which is great for consumers, is typically a cautionary flag even for a U.S.-based consumption-driven economy. We are happy with the optimism expressed in the small business economy which we believe will help the outlook for all businesses in 2016."

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