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## Modest Growth In The Small Business Economy Continues

### Newtek, The Small Business Authority®, Releases April 2015 SB Authority Index

NEW YORK, June 5, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- Newtek Business Services Corp., (NASDAQ: NEWT), [The Small Business Authority®](#), announced today the release of the SB Authority Index of small business indicators for April 2015 which reached 130.39 points. Approved SBA lending volumes, the Russell Microcap Index and new entity formation led the increase. The SB Authority Index is up 0.12% from March 2015. On a year-over-year comparison, the SB Authority Index is up 2.71%.

Barry Sloane, Chairman, President and CEO of [The Small Business Authority®](#) commented, "Is the Great Wall of the U.S. consumer beginning to crack? Are Americans finally saturated with iPhones, iPads, flat screen TVs, cars and homes? The answer is maybe. With the U.S. GDP being dominated by retail sales and consumption for the last several decades and interest rates favoring spenders vs. savers, the stalling out of consumption should be somewhat concerning and needs to be watched carefully by economists and business leaders."

Mr. Sloane continued, "Our independent business owners are not seeing the effects and most have positioned themselves in the no- to slow-growth economic world of the last 4 years. Even though the U.S. small business economy has bottomed from multi-decade lows, the improvement has been modest and lackluster at best. Our independent business owners tend to position themselves well by acquiring better technology and improving operational efficiencies against the backdrop of sluggish to no sales growth. This trend may have to continue for many years to come."



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