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Modest Growth Trend Continues In Small Business Economy

Newtek, The Small Business Authority®, Releases April 2014 SB Authority Index

NEW YORK, June 3, 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 April 2014 reaching 126.91 points. The Russell Microcap Index, approved SBA lending volumes and new business formation led the increase. The SB Authority Index is up 0.46% from March 2014. On a year-over-year comparison, the SB Authority Index is up 7.48%.



Barry Sloane, Chairman, President and CEO of [The Small Business Authority®](#) commented, "We have continued to observe weak economic numbers across the small business economy. The recently released U.S. GDP showing a 1% decline in the first fiscal quarter is consistent with the negative sentiment that we see among business owners. The Federal Reserve's "zero rate interest policy" is inflating certain indicators like the Russell Microcap Index and bank lending growth, however, these economic indicators, without real innovation and confidence in the economy, will not provide ongoing stimulus. We believe the Federal Reserve will continue its easy monetary policy and hope things become more positive for small business owners and the economy at large."

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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Since 1999, Newtek has helped small- and medium-sized business owners realize their potential by providing them with the essential tools needed to manage and grow their businesses and to compete effectively in today's marketplace. Newtek 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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