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The Small Business Authority Commends Senate for Passing CR to Extend Higher SBA Loan Guarantees and Fee Waivers for Borrowers

"Good News for Small Business in 2011," Says Newtek Chief Barry Sloane

NEW YORK, Dec. 22, 2010 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Newtek Business Services, Inc. (Nasdaq:NEWT), **The Small Business Authority** - a provider of SBA backed small business loans plus an array of other products and services to over 100,000 small to medium-sized customer accounts across the U.S. - responded to the Senate's passage on Tuesday of a Continuing Resolution (CR) that contains an extension of the SBA's authority to give borrowers fee waivers and to offer higher (90%) guarantees on 7(a) loans until March 4, 2011. It is expected that the House will accept the Senate version of the CR.

"It's a significant benefit for small business borrowers and we believe these are very positive signs of the strengthening of the small business community going into the New Year," says Barry Sloane, CEO, President and Chairman for Newtek Business Services. "This legislation allows the SBA to continue to provide access to capital for business owners who are most in need and will help to foster economic growth directly in the communities where these businesses are based."

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. 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 currently 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 29.6 million small businesses in the United States, which in total represent 99.7% of all employer firms.

Newtek's business service lines include:

- | **Electronic Payment Processing:** eCommerce, electronic solutions to accept non-cash payments, including credit and debit cards, check conversion, remote deposit capture, ACH processing, and electronic gift and loyalty card programs.
- | **Web Hosting:** Full-service web host which offers eCommerce solutions, shared and dedicated web hosting and related services including domain registration and online shopping cart tools.
- | **eCommerce:** a suite of services that enable small businesses to get up and running on-line quickly and cost effectively, with integrated web design, payment processing and shopping cart services.
- | **Business Lending:** Broad array of lending products including SBA 7(a) and SBA 504 loans.
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- | **Web Services:** Customized web design and development services.
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- | **Accounts Receivable Financing:** Receivable purchasing and financing services.
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