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 Form 424B3
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(To Prospectus dated February 2, 2005,
 and Prospectus Supplement dated February 2, 2005)

\$12,410,781,162
 THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.
 Medium-Term Notes, Series B

Principal Amount: \$385,000,000 Floating Rate Notes Book Entry Notes
 Original Issue Date: 03/06/2006 Fixed Rate Notes Certificated Notes
 Maturity Date: 03/06/2008 CUSIP#: 073928N82
 Option to Extend Maturity: No
 Yes Final Maturity Date: _____

Redeemable On	Redemption Price(s)	Optional Repayment Date(s)	Optional Repayment Price(s)
----- N/A	----- N/A	----- N/A	----- N/A

Applicable Only to Fixed Rate Notes:

Interest Rate:

Interest Payment Dates:

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:

Interest Rate Basis:	Maximum Interest Rate: N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Paper Rate	Minimum Interest Rate: N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Funds Effective Rate	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal Funds Open Rate	Interest Reset Date(s): Daily
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasury Rate	Interest Reset Period: Daily
<input type="checkbox"/> LIBOR Reuters	Interest Payment Date(s): *
<input type="checkbox"/> LIBOR Telerate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Prime Rate	
<input type="checkbox"/> CMT Rate	

Initial Interest Rate: 4.50% Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: N/A

Spread (plus or minus): +0.14%

* Commencing June 6, 2006 and on the 6th of each September, December, March and June thereafter, up to and including the maturity date.

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