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April 25, 2006

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 26

Rule 424(b)(3)

DATED: April 20, 2006

File No. 333-121744

(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: \$250,000,000 Floating Rate Notes Book Entry Notes

Original Issue Date: 04/25/2006 Fixed Rate Notes Certificated Notes

Maturity Date: 04/25/2007 CUSIP#: 073928Q55

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

Commercial Paper Rate Minimum Interest Rate: N/A

Federal Funds Effective Rate

Federal Funds Open Rate Interest Reset Date(s): Daily

Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period: Daily

LIBOR Reuters Interest Payment Date(s): *

LIBOR Telerate

Prime Rate +

CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 4.82% Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: N/A

Spread (plus or minus): -2.93%

+ Prime Rate as reported on Telerate Page 5 under the heading "Bank

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Rates/Prime."

- * On July 25, 2006 and on the 25th of October, January, April and July thereafter, up to and including the maturity date.

The distribution of Notes will conform to the requirements set forth in Rule 2720 of the NASD Conduct Rules.