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Form 8-K
January 04, 2005

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K
Current Report

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 28, 2004

THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE	File No. 1-8989	13-3286161
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification Number)

383 Madison Avenue, New York, New York	10179
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(Address of principal executive offices)	(zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 272-2000

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the

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Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

The Bear Stearns Companies Inc. grants various awards to its executive officers under its Capital Accumulation Plan for Senior Managing Directors, amended and restated November 29, 2000 for Plan Years beginning on or after July 1, 1999, and further amended as of March 31, 2004 (the "Capital Accumulation Plan") and Stock Award Plan, amended and restated as of March 31, 2004 (the "Stock Award Plan"). Forms of award grant agreements are attached hereto as exhibits and are hereby incorporated by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits:

- 10.1 Form of Agreement evidencing a grant of CAP Units to Executive Officers under the Capital Accumulation Plan.
- 10.2 Form of Agreement evidencing a grant of Nonqualified Stock Options (subject to vesting) to Executive Officers under the Stock Award Plan.
- 10.3 Form of Agreement evidencing a grant of Nonqualified Stock Options (immediately exercisable) to Executive Officers under the Stock Award Plan.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.

By: /s/ Jeffrey M. Farber

Jeffrey M. Farber
Controller
(Principal Accounting Officer)

Dated: January 4, 2005

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