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BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC
Form 424B3
August 24, 2005

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 12
DATED: August 19, 2005
(To Prospectus dated February 2, 2005,
and Prospectus Supplement dated February 2, 2005)

Rule 424(b) (3)
File No. 333-121744

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

Principal Amount: \$25,000,000 Floating Rate Notes Book Entry Notes
Original Issue Date: 8/24/2005 Fixed Rate Notes Certificated Notes
Maturity Date: 8/24/2007 CUSIP#: 073928L50
Option to Extend Maturity: No
Yes Final Maturity Date:

Redeemable On	Redemption Price(s)	Optional Repayment Date(s)	Optional Repayment Price(s)
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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:

- Commercial Paper Rate
- Federal Funds Effective Rate
- Federal Funds Open Rate
- Treasury Rate
- LIBOR Reuters
- LIBOR Telerate
- Prime Rate
- CMT Rate

Maximum Interest Rate: N/A

Minimum Interest Rate: N/A

Interest Reset Date(s): Daily

Interest Reset Period: Daily

Interest Payment Date(s): *

Initial Interest Rate: 3.63%

Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: N/A

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Spread (plus or minus): +0.13%

* On the 24th of each November, February, May and August, including the maturity date.

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