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Form 424B3  
March 07, 2006

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 21  
DATED: March 1, 2006

Rule 424(b)(3)  
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: \$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:  
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Interest Rate:

Interest Payment Dates:

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:  
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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: 4.50%

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