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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) |
|---------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| -----         | -----               | -----                      | -----                       |
| 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: 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.