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 April 11, 2006

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 23A  
 DATED: March 6, 2006 +  
 April 6, 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: \$85,000,000 Floating Rate Notes  Book Entry Notes

Original Issue Date: 03/09/2006 ^  
 04/11/2006 ^^ Fixed Rate Notes  Certificated Notes

Maturity Date: 03/07/2008 CUSIP#: 073928P23

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): \*

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Prime Rate

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[ ] CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 4.50%

Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: N/A

Spread (plus or minus): +0.125%

+ \$60,000,000 was traded on March 6, 2006.

++ \$25,000,000 was traded on April 6, 2006.

^ \$60,000,000 was issued on March 9, 2006.

^^ \$25,000,000 was issued on April 11, 2006.

\* Commencing June 7, 2006 and on the 7th of each September, December, March and June 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.