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### **NSTAR'S KENDALL SQUARE SUBSTATION WINS A 2007 METAL ARCHITECTURE AWARD**

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The NSTAR Kendall Square Electrical Substation recently won an award from *Metal Architecture* magazine in the “Ribbed Metal Walls” category. The selection criteria for the award was based on the significance of metal to the overall project objective and appearance, and an innovative use of material.

Arrowstreet was commissioned to design a new electrical substation for NSTAR in the heart of Cambridge’s biotech research district. The challenge was to meet complex technical requirements for the research-oriented area’s needs while providing a strong streetscape identity on a constrained site.

Metal was used as the predominant siding material on the substation for practical reasons—durability and low maintenance. But, more importantly, metal was selected because it conveys with honesty and style the industrial character of the building, which is surrounded by sleek glass office and lab buildings.

Arrowstreet is a multidisciplinary design firm based in Somerville, MA. Since 1961, the firm’s designs have been based on a unique approach: look beyond traditional architectural and planning concerns into the underlying political, economic, and social issues which affect the success of a project.

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