

The Labor Temple was built in 1942 as the booming wartime workforce increased the number of local workers and numerous unions established offices focused on being dead center of the Denny Regrade, now known as the Belltown neighborhood. Subsequent additions were made to the original structure with the addition of a two-story auditorium to the north in 1946 and a third story added to the south building in 1955. Seattle has been known for the strength of its labor movement, and this building was the key for organizing labor trades' activities for more than 75 years. The building received Historic Designation from the Landmarks Preservation Board in 2010.

FAUL will preserve this historic building by reimagining and reinventing form and functions from years' past and adding amenities desired by today's office user, creating welcoming interior and exterior common spaces for a sense of balance. The renovation was extensive starting with the exterior. A new SBS roof was installed over R-38 rigid insulation, the building masonry was cleaned and tuckpointed, the mid 80's retrofit windows on 1st Ave and Clay St were removed and rebuilt steel widows meeting the original sticking and functionality were hand built in place and finally new entries, sidewalks and sidewalk plantings were installed. The interior systems were torn back to the original wood framing. All new SCL electrical service was completed, distributed wiring through-out the building and the offices and common areas were outfitted with modern LED fixtures. The original steam heating system was removed and replaced with a modern VRF system and a whole house HRV ducted system was installed. New restrooms were created and the building plumbing supply and drains were replaced. Additionally, the original 1950's elevator was removed and a new vertical shaft and modern Kone elevator was installed providing access to a new roof deck amenity. The final fire alarm system supporting a full building sprinkler system was installed. In addition to the envelope and new MEPF systems being provided the interior finishes were reimagined from at all levels including the lobby expansion and creating openness at the arrival entry off 1st Avenue. Office levels receive modern interior finishes along with the addition of shared kitchens, conference rooms and phone booths.