

# CURRICULUM VITAE



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### [RECOGNITION]

Named as “One of Ten  
People to Watch” by  
*Chicago Now* in 2014.

Interviewed by SPI,  
Solar Power  
International,  
Solar Central 2013, for  
doing excellent work  
Putting Solar in Urban  
Areas.

### [OVERVIEW]

A Clean Energy Executive, Innovator and Entrepreneur for VGI Energy Solutions (VGI) and VLV Development. Faustina A. Roman Co-Founded VGI as a strategic sustainability company to provide people and organizations with the tools and expertise they need to actively manage their social and environmental impacts. With over 25 years of executive leadership experience in sustainability, innovation, and entrepreneurship, she is recognized for her depth of knowledge and technical and strategic expertise. She works with policy makers, equipment manufacturers, utility companies, environmental groups, investors, and government agencies in support of clean energy solutions for climate security. Her specialties include clean energy, sustainable economic development, strategy, sales management and financial services.

### [EXPERIENCE]

#### *VGI Energy Solutions, Chicago, IL - San Diego, CA*

##### **Partner, VGI Energy**

**2009-Present**

A clean energy development company, leading in deploying clean energy to curb climate change, while increasing economic and energy security. We believe the future of the climate is still in our hands and we are doing our part to mitigate climate change and positively impact public health.

#### *VLV Development, Chicago, IL*

##### **VP Sustainability, VLV Development**

**2009-Present**

VLV Development (VLV), parent company to VGI Energy with offices in Chicago and San Diego and a focus on urban communities. Specialized in helping businesses address the ways in which they operate day-to-day, helping them discover ways of decreasing their negative impact on the environment so they’re better positioned for the markets of the future.

Direct sustainability efforts in: renewable energy, energy efficiency, green design, and healthy homes construction for affordable housing portfolio. Support the growth and expansion of VLV Development to include leading major initiatives such as the Office of Affordable Housing Preservation Green Retrofit Program, a government stimulus-related package. Responsible for strategy and planning, external affairs, human resources and internal audit

##### **Management Consultant, VLV Development**

**2007-2008**

Responsible for VLV’s strategic planning and alignment, overall quality, productivity improvement, and relationship development amongst clients, prospects, reporters and strategic partners. Actively involved in the decision-making, development, and review of all property operations, from early planning stages through financing, design, construction, lease-up and management.

#### *Self Employed, San Diego, CA*

##### **Management Consultant:** Clients included but not limited to:

**2001-2007**

- World Savings Bank
- Claro Capital
- Focused Networks

#### *JP Morgan Chase Corporation*

##### **Corporate/ Bank Representative**

**1989-2000**

Financial Services; Corporate & Marketing Services

## [PERSONAL MISSION]

“To impact millions of peoples lives for generations.”

## [ACKNOWLEDGMENTS]

VGI Energy profiled as *Shaping Our Future* in Clean Energy Jobs Illinois Survey – May 2015  
<http://www.cleanjobsillinois.com/2015/#profiles/vanvince>  
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## [PRINCIPALSTRENGTHS]

- Thoughtful leadership directed at enhancing long-term company value
- Capacity to objectively evaluate risks/rewards of business opportunities
- Appreciation for, and encouragement of, constructive debate
- Appreciation for importance of enfranchising and enrolling outside constituents
- Openness to feedback and counsel from all levels, including peers and subordinates
- Active coach and mentor in development of future leaders
- Ability to energize teams to produce stellar results
- High level of personal and professional accountability and integrity
- Leadership, Strategic Partnerships, Sustainability & Renewable Energy

## [PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS]

### Clean Energy

**Multifamily Apartments Portfolio:** Installed over 75kW of new solar energy systems on seven multifamily, affordable housing apartment buildings in Chicago, IL. Each building has between 18-70 units

**Commercial/ School:** Installed 100kW on Chicago City College; awarded contract through competitive bidding process.

**Utility Scale: Coming 2016 –** VGI Energy will provide component supply, turnkey EPC services and utility-scale solar power plant development to ensure the resilience of an urban community. A One-megawatt Community Solar Plus Storage Resilient Power Project; Transformation and reuse of a Brownfield as backup power for City Critical Facilities.

### Green Retrofit & Construction Management

**Transformation Housing I,II, III,IV and Dolton Apartments:** ~Chicago & Dolton, IL Budget: \$7M (2008-2014): Provided diverse sustainable construction consulting, coordination and execution for portfolio of multifamily developments, inclusive of energy efficiency, green design and solar renewable energy, healthy homes construction techniques to 6 buildings & 200 units of multifamily affordable housing.

**Berrien Homes:** Benton Harbor, MI ~ Budget: \$3.5M (2009 to 2012): Coordinate execution of Green Retrofit Project & Construction Management of 27 buildings/ 160 units; providing financial and green consulting for HUD Section 8-subsidized housing. Improvements made to restore compliance with safety regulations, green initiatives and government mandates. Provide financial and sustainability consulting to 100 units of HUD Section 8-subsidized housing in 10 buildings included in the Office of Affordable Housing Program Green Retrofit Program.

**Greenwood Apartments:** Richmond, IN Budget: \$400K (2009 to 2011): Provide financial and sustainability consulting for 100 units of HUD Section 8-subsidized housing in 10 buildings included in the Office of Affordable Housing Program Green Retrofit Program.

## [EDUCATION]

### *University of Chicago Booth School of Business*

#### Executive Education

2013

- Collaboration with Inner City Capital Connections Chicago and taught by cutting-edge practitioners and professors from some of the finest graduate business schools in the country including Harvard, Kellogg and Booth.

### *Northwestern University, Kellogg School of Management*

#### Executive Training Program

2009

- Part of the nextONE Business Accelerator is a joint venture between the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University and the Chicago Urban League. A 9-month program designed to provide the foundation to produce exponential growth of high-potential entrepreneurs.

### *DePaul University, Chicago, IL*

#### Bachelor of Science, College of Commerce

1997

- Major in Marketing

## [CERTIFICATION/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT]

- US Green Building Council – Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, (LEED, GA)
- Former Head Coach/ Leadership Program, Landmark Education
- Dale Carnegie Course: Successful Public Speaking
- Financing Renewable Energy Conferences
- Proficient in Microsoft Suite of Products: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Adobe Acrobat, Publisher and Photoshop, Word press
- Bilingual, Spanish