

AFRA MEMBERSHIP VALUE PROPOSITION

30 second pitch and Comprehensive pitch

30-Second Elevator Pitch – quickly introduce AFRA’s mission, impact and benefits in shaping sustainable aviation.

Elevator Pitch:

AFRA, the Aircraft Fleet Recycling Association, is the global leader in sustainable end-of-service practices for aviation. Through a trusted network, Best Management Practices and accreditation, we help companies to enhance safety, efficiency, and environmental responsibility. Through initiatives like the AFRA USM Part registry, collaborations with industry leaders like IAEG (the International Aerospace Environmental Group), and active engagement in Research and Development (R&D), AFRA drives innovation and ensures members have access to global markets and standards. Join AFRA to lead the way to a safer, more sustainable future for aviation.

Comprehensive AFRA Value Proposition - A detailed, in-depth document explaining AFRA’s full value proposition, member benefits, and impact on the aviation industry. Covers networking, BMP standards, advocacy, and accreditation in a structured, thorough format.

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The Aircraft Fleet Recycling Association (AFRA) is the global leader in promoting sustainable, safe, and economically valuable end-of-service solutions for the aviation industry. Since 2006, AFRA has supported aerospace companies with industry-leading standards, networking opportunities, and accreditation programs to turn the challenge of retiring aircraft into a strategic business advantage.

As the aviation industry strives for sustainability and cost-efficiency, aircraft disassembly and recycling offer critical solutions for operators, manufacturers, and environmental stakeholders. AFRA’s comprehensive approach enables members to maximize the residual value of aging or retired aircraft while minimizing environmental impact and adhering to the highest industry standards for circular economy efforts.

AFRA’s **Best Management Practices (BMP Guide)** helps members adopt and implement environmentally sound practices that enhance resource recovery, optimize value streaming, and reduce waste. Through strategic collaborations and partnerships with industry leaders and regulatory bodies, AFRA ensures its members stay ahead of regulatory changes, meet global standards and positions them as pioneers in a rapidly evolving market. Moreover, AFRA is deeply committed to fostering innovation through active engagement in Research and Development (R&D), not only helping to advance sustainable practices within the aviation sector but also opening up new opportunities for our members in global markets.

Why Join AFRA?

AFRA membership connects you to a trusted network of industry leaders, cutting-edge sustainability standards, and an enhanced Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) profile, positioning your organization as a leader in sustainable aviation.

Key Benefits of AFRA Membership and Accreditation

1. Environmental Sustainability

- **Reducing Carbon Footprint:** Recycling and repurposing aircraft components reduce environmental impact by lowering raw material extraction needs and minimizing landfill waste.
- **Circular Economy:** Adopting environmentally responsible practices ensures materials such as metals, composites, and electronics are recycled or reused, supporting a circular economy.
- **Compliance:** Meet stringent environmental and regulatory requirements while advancing your sustainability goals.

2. Operational Efficiency and Excellence

- **Expertise & Efficiency:** Implementing AFRA's **Best Management Practices (BMP) Guide** enhances operational efficiency, reduces costs, and minimizes environmental impact through better resource management.
- **End-to-End Lifecycle Management:** Benefit from comprehensive lifecycle solutions, from aircraft transport and decommissioning to the recovery and resale of valuable parts and materials.

3. Compliance and Risk Mitigation

- **Regulatory Compliance:** Ensure all processes comply with international regulations, including environmental laws, hazardous materials handling, and recycling certifications.
- **Data Security:** Protect sensitive data such as aircraft logs and manufacturer records through industry-standard confidentiality and secure destruction methods.

4. Innovative Solutions

- **Sustainable Repurposing:** Beyond basic recycling, explore innovative solutions like refurbishing components for resale, repurposing parts for continued use in secondary markets, and advancing materials recycling technologies.
- **Research and Development:** AFRA fosters innovation through its commitment to R&D in sustainable aviation practices. Members gain access to a robust research database, opportunities to contribute to industry advancements, and support in adopting cutting-edge solutions that drive sustainability.

5. Leadership and Collaboration

- **Global Standards:** AFRA accreditation ensures alignment with international standards, positioning members as leaders in sustainability.
 - **Industry Leadership:** Leverage AFRA's investment in advanced disassembly and recycling technologies to stay ahead of industry trends and demonstrate leadership in sustainability and circular economy practices.
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Membership Benefits by Industry Type

Disassemblers & Material Recyclers

- Access a robust network and business opportunities.
- Stay informed on key government policies and requirements.
- Gain insight into best practices for disassembly and recycling.

Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs)

- Influence the future of sustainable end-of-service components and material practices.
- Access education on advanced technologies for disassembly and recycling.
- Develop environmental strategies for the entire product lifecycle.
- Benefit from regulatory representation, media engagement, and risk mitigation.

Air Centers

- Build connections through networking and business opportunities.
- Learn quality disassembly practices aligned with industry standards.

Lessors & Airlines

- Gain public recognition for sustainability commitments.
- Access education on disassembly and recycling technologies.
- Identify suitable locations for end-of-service processes.
- Enhance asset value by leveraging advanced technology and standards.
- Mitigate risks with access to global standards and best practices.

Parts Distributors

- Learn best practices for handling and tracking recycled parts.
- Expand market access through networking opportunities.
- Implement effective practices for tracking parts through the supply chain.

Research Institutes

- Contribute research content and expertise to advance sustainable aviation end-of-service practices.
- Gain access to AFRA's research database and participate in projects through the R&D Committee. Collaborate with industry experts and fellow committee members for research feedback, data collection, and analysis.
- Engage in industry dialogue through BMP standards and sustainability-focused research.

Showcase research at AFRA Conferences and industry events.
