Architectural drivers (principles) are those statements of given constraints that we want all architects to universally apply.

Some examples are

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| **Architectural Driver** | **QAs Promoted** | **Comment** |
| Separate security critical functions from other functions. | Certifiability | Promotes affordable Information Assurance certification |
| Use Open Standards.  Use widely accepted and supported standards set by recognized standards organizations or the marketplace. These standards are equally available to the general public at no cost or with a moderate license fee. | Interoperability, Portability, and Scalability | Supports modular open system approach |
| Architect for Platform Independence. | Deployability | Agnostic to a specific hardware and operating system |

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