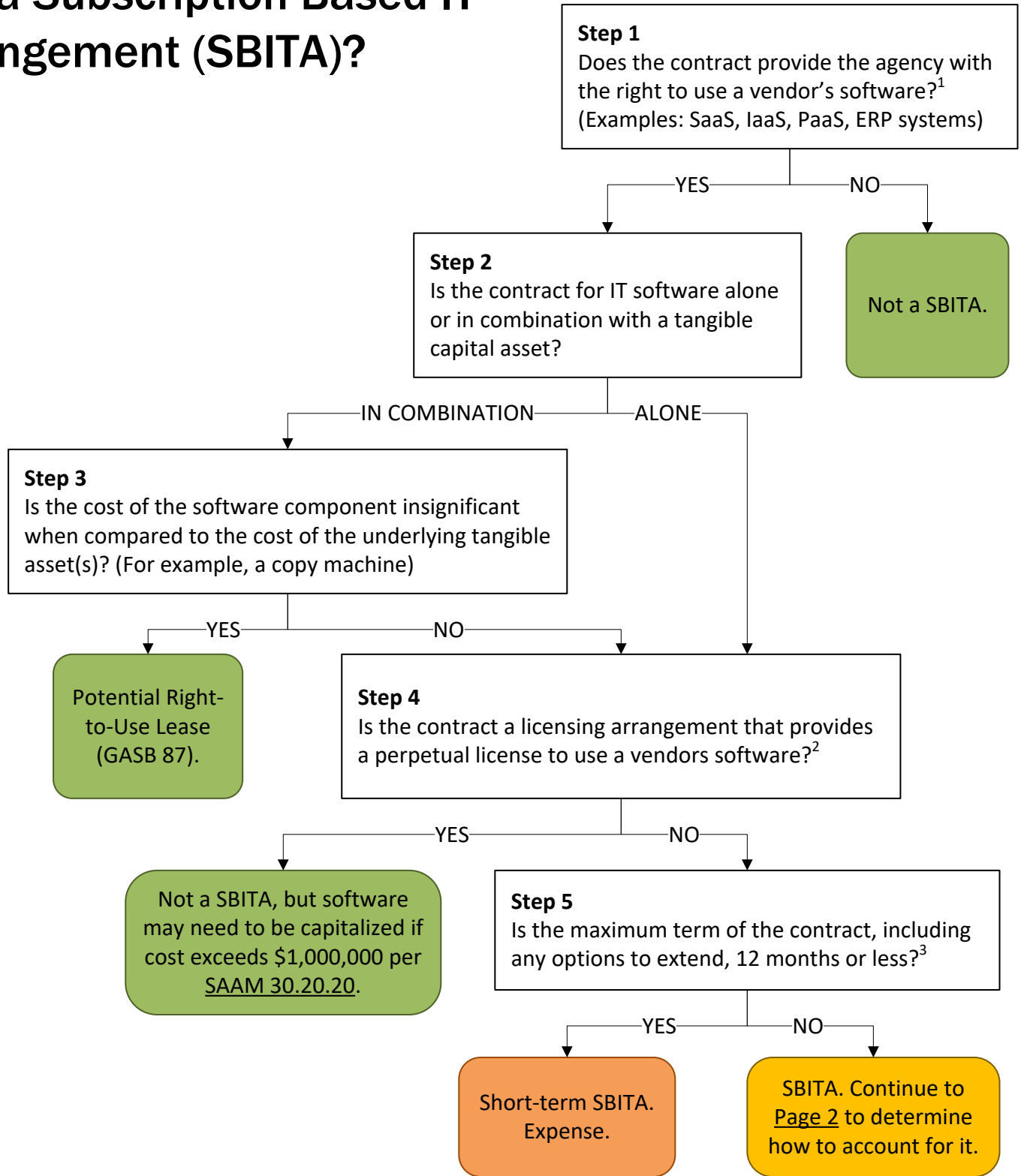


# Is it a Subscription-Based IT Arrangement (SBITA)?



<sup>1</sup>For magazine, journal, research subscriptions, the answer depends on whether you are primarily paying for the content or the software? For example, software that allows users to easily search through laws, which can be read for free, is primarily software. Whereas, the Wall Street Journal cannot be read without a subscription and is primarily content.

<sup>2</sup>If the software would continue to work and the agency still has access to it if you stopped making payments, then it is likely a perpetual license of an internally developed software, both of which are excluded from GASB 96.

<sup>3</sup>The maximum term should not include periods where both parties have the option to terminate without permission from the other party or periods where both parties have to agree to extend.

# How do I account for my Subscription-Based IT Arrangement (SBITA)?

